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もう誰にも、この地球の運命を変えることはできないのか。〝植物異常大繁殖〟の原因は、地球が何らかの理由で、多重世界の地球と重なって引き起こされたものだとケンは考えていた。

一方、度重なる戦闘によって〝行動する植物〟化が進んだシンに、残酷な運命がつきつけられる!!

そんななか、各国の呼びかけにもかかわらず、中国が〝行動する植物〟への核攻撃に踏み出す。人類の早まった行動は、一体どんな答えを導き出すのか。

人類が挑む植物との闘いに、未来は!?

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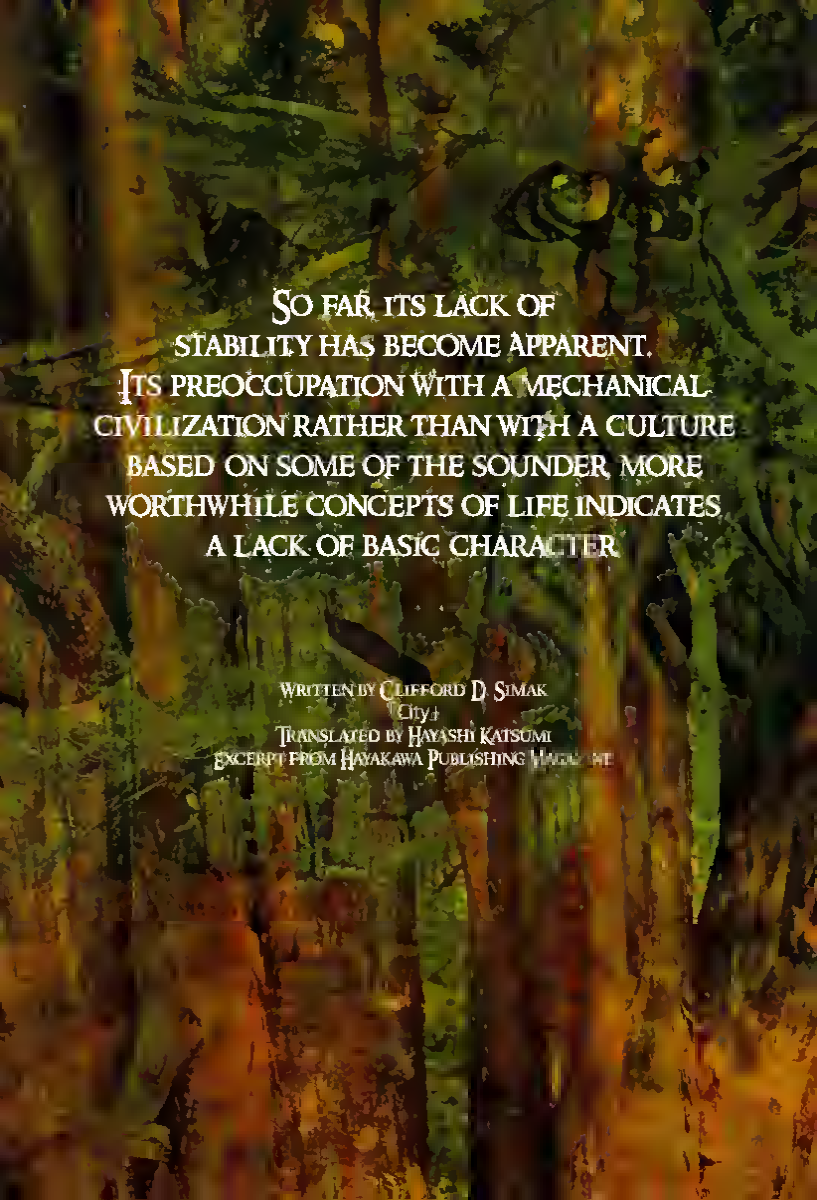
So far, its lack of
stability has become apparent.
Its preoccupation with a mechanical
civilization rather than with a culture
based on some of the sounder, more
worthwhile concepts of life indicates
a lack of basic character.
Written by Clifford D. Simak
City
Translated by Hayashi Katsumi
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The world was
covered in plant life.

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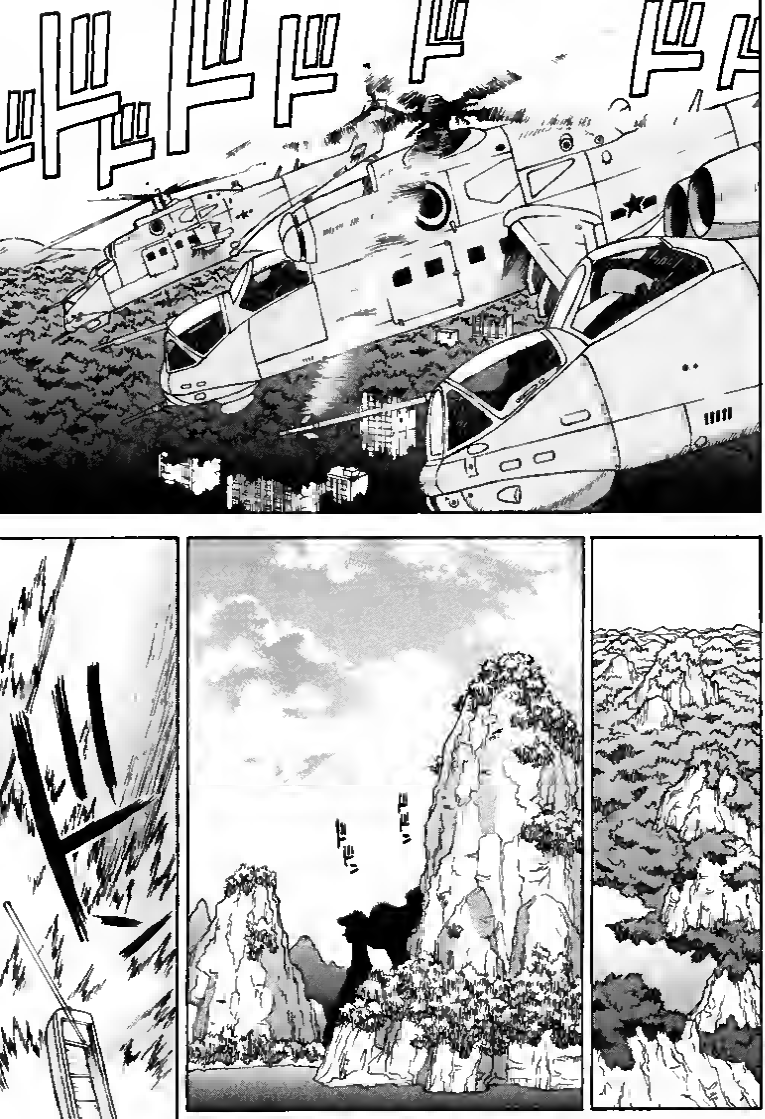

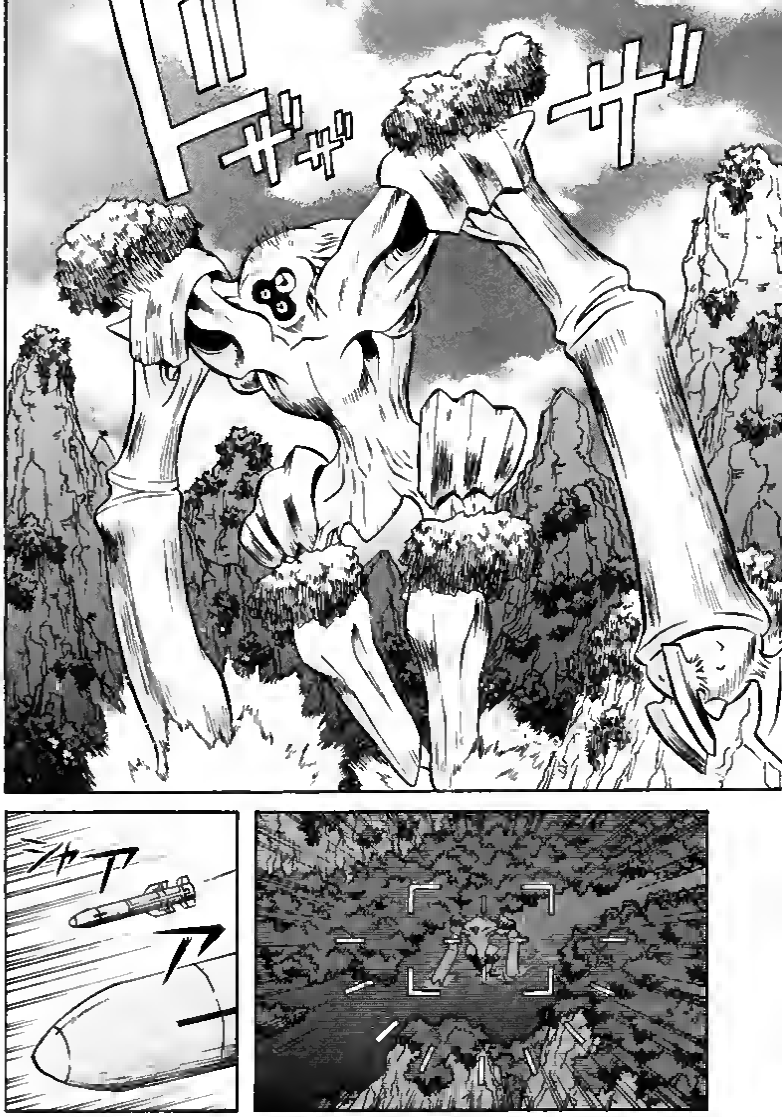
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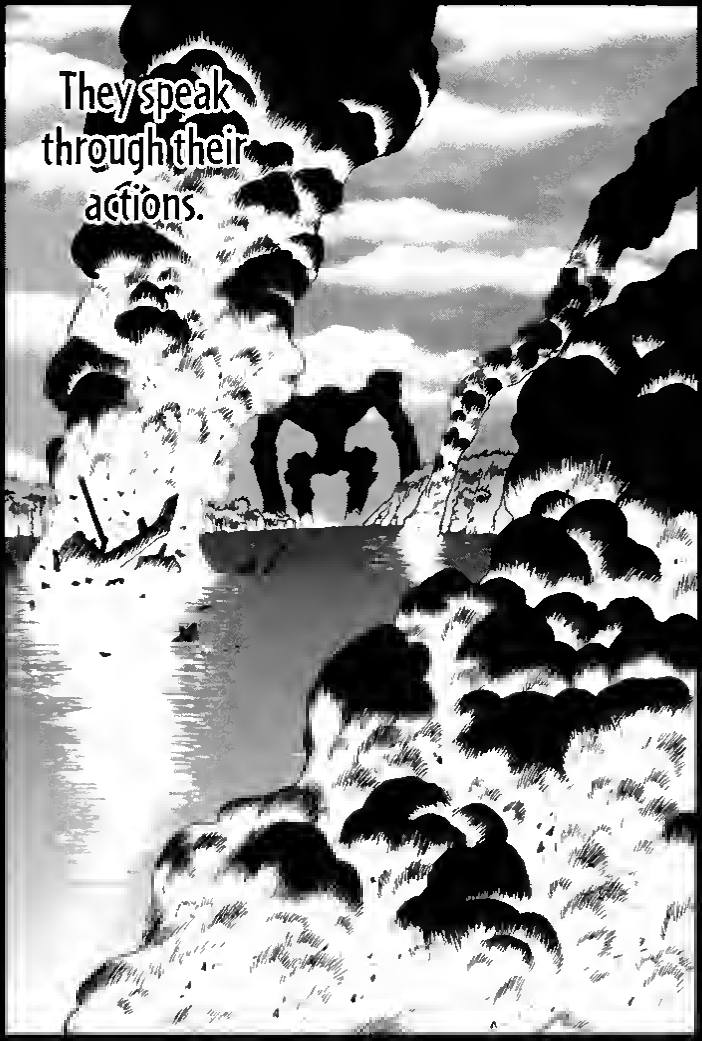
Silent are the trees-
And yet, eloquently,


They speak through their actions.

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How about we have some tea inside? It's been a while since you've been able to relax, right?
It'd be kind of uncomfortable talking while standing out here....
Hey, hey, Shin?
Shin likes it outside where he can get a lot of sunlight.
Ri-ght?!
Well... haha
You don't get it....
...What's with this situation...

I came along, like the Ossan told me to, but it might've been a mistake-...

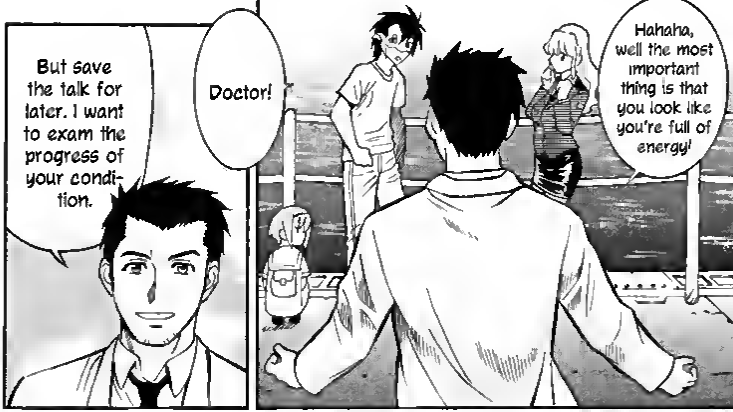
Didn't things originally turn out the way they did because I was caught by them...?
And on top of that....
-Well, it's nice to meet you.
Shin, right?!

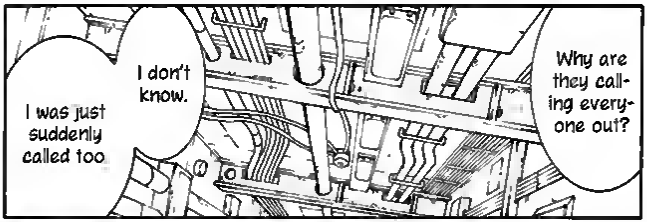
YOU'RE SECOND LT. SARAH?!
THAT VOICE ...!
!
Ta da~♪ Can you guess who I am?
Thanks for that time I was underground. I was able get out alive because of you
Don't worry about it. It was nothing.
Is that really for you to say?
You got my name right.
Fufu. More importantly, I'm glad.

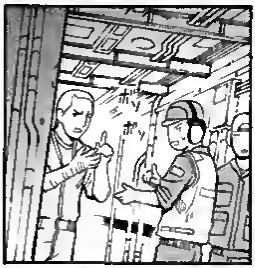
You're weird.
It's your first time meeting and you're acting so friendly
....well..
Haa~ it's so hot!
Loosen
You sure get tanned on the deck, huh~
.....
What's with this uncomfortable atmosphere..?

Maybe I should take off my uniform-
Eh-...? Oh my, look at what I'm doing!
Against a kid
Idiot
Hey...!! Wha . what are you...
.....
I felt like we already knew each other, inside and out
How shameful of me
Well, I've been keeping Shin company this whole time through a twenty-four hour system.

All of him.
Because I saw.
When it comes to Shin.
I know more.
?!
All, you say....
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALL OF HIM?!
.....
#!!#—>
SHIN?! COULD IT BE?! IS THAT HOW YOU...
NO...GET OUTTA HERE!! YOU GUYS WERE WATCHING ME, RIGHT-?!!!
YOU TOO, UMA! QUIT GIVING PEOPLE THE WRONG IMPRESSION!


But save the talk for later. I want to exam the progress of your condition.
Doctor!
Hahaha, well the most important thing is that you look like you're full of energy!


I don't know.
I was just suddenly called too
Why are they calling everyone out?



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Sorry
Don't lie
...I'm pretty used to it
MEDICAL
After meeting the real deal, honestly, he draws you in
And you were forcing yourself to act cheerful
Don't you think that'll actually end up hurting you?
AH H~ !!!!
Don't write it off as being forced

?
Yo!
……
What do you mean 「Yo」?
HU UH~ ?!! ?!!!
ギャ!!!

YOU UUU U
What are you doing?
I can't!
ALL RIGHT, TURN MY BODY BACK TO NORMAL!! RIGHT NOW!! TURN IT BACK NOOOW!!
I FI- NALLY FOUND YOU!!

Ahaha-ha! You really are a monster!
I'LL EX-PLAIN!!
STOP!! PLEASE, STOP!!
What trouble-some siblings...
ガシャーン
YOU BASTARD
You seem you have an unreason-ably large budget, con-sidering the times.
Please do.
... We'll be passing along the expenses for the medical equipment to your「project」!

Well then, Commander, please move on to the main topic
That was all you had to say, correct, Captain?
I don't know what sort of suspicious project it is, but it's enough to make me jealous.
Eh-... yes, moving forward, I'll have you all continue your mission on this warship.
Our chain of command is independent anyway . it's fine to just think of things as they were before... yes.
TCH
Depending on the situation, support from your team may be.....
Furthermore, it's also possible there maybe be a situation where we will fall under your command.
Fuuh~

I'm sure there may be objections, but we will treat you the same way as we have until now, so we'd like you to comply.
Yes, you all...-All of you will be under the custody of the United States.
Now... regarding your members,
Regulation of information is our number one priority... yes.
Very well...With the world in its currently unstable state,
Do you disapprove?
.....
But I'll go along for now.
Obviously.
Precisely.
You're trying to say it'll be a problem if I roam around and weird rumors start spreading, right?

Regarding our current situation, the opinions of every nation are pretty much all over the place.
However...It's for your sake as well.
An obstruction of development caused by the Plant Burst, as well as attacks on cities by ICBMs... is how they see it.
For example, China has assessed this situation as a 「war between humans and plants」.
...yes,
I suppose it was futile...
Our country even called out to them to request they not take any hasty action, but...

-So, what are you trying to tell us?
Early dawn today,
The Chinese government has decided on limited nuclear warfare.
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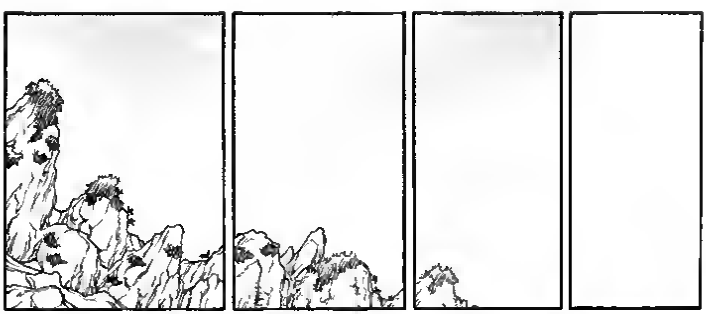
Flash



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IT LIT UUUP !!!!
AHH UHH ....
UHHH ....!

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TEAR
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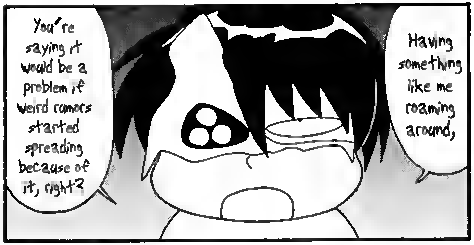
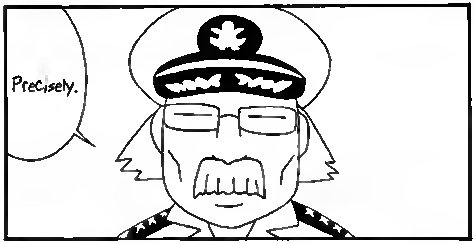
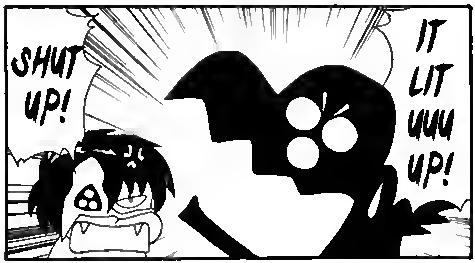
Uhii ....
It doesn't hurt any-more!


You're saying it would be a problem if weird comics started spreading because of it, right?
Having something like me roaming around,


Precisely.

-I MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
Well, that just means to be careful, right?


SHUT UP!
IT LIT UUU UP!

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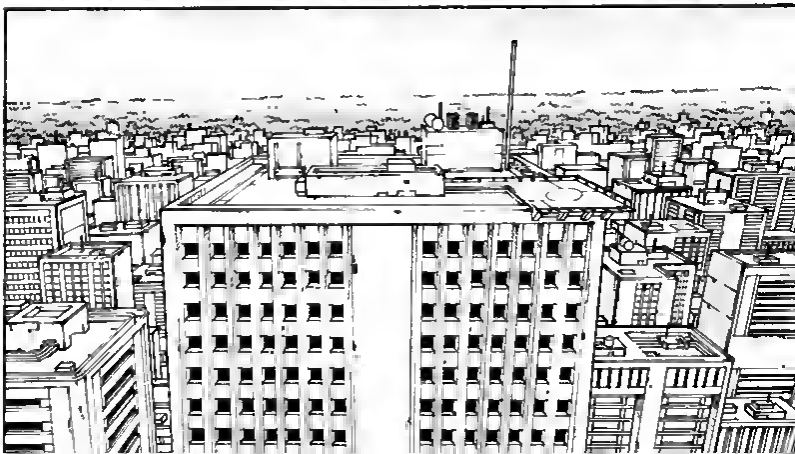
That instant.

Trembled.
All the trees around the world.

... Shin-kun?
Just now...
It lit up...


W... WE CAN'T HAVE YOU ENTER WITHOUT PERMIS-SION...
In lab.
And the sam-ple?
...As expected... I was thinking you might have failed in that situation.
Failing from some-thing like that would affect my reputation.

By the way- China has resorted to limited nuclear warfare...
...Hoo.
You don't seem too surprised
...I suppose. Well, I was actually thinking they were doing well holding out until now.
And not just China.
This country as well.
The current America won't take such premature actions.
As long as that man is working as the Chief of Staff, that is.

What was it regarding?
...Speaking of which, I heard there was a three-man conference or something...
At any rate-
Just ask your subordinate
I don't like doing things twice.
No one on earth can predict what will happen from here-on-out... the one thing I can say,
We don't even have a grasp on the opponent's fighting abilities, and mankind has started debates about nuclear warfare....
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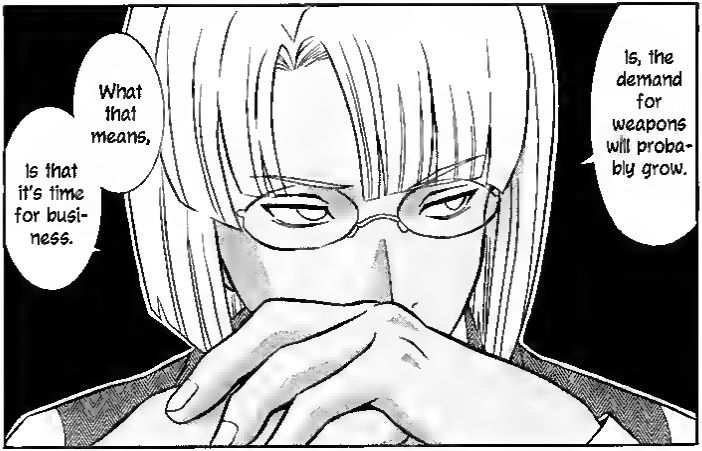
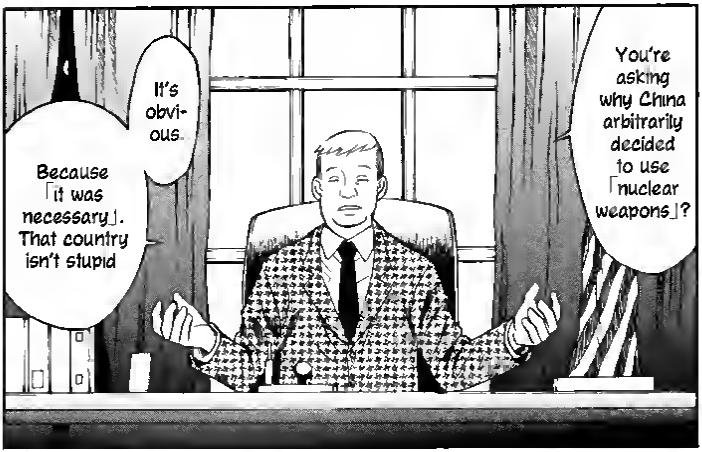
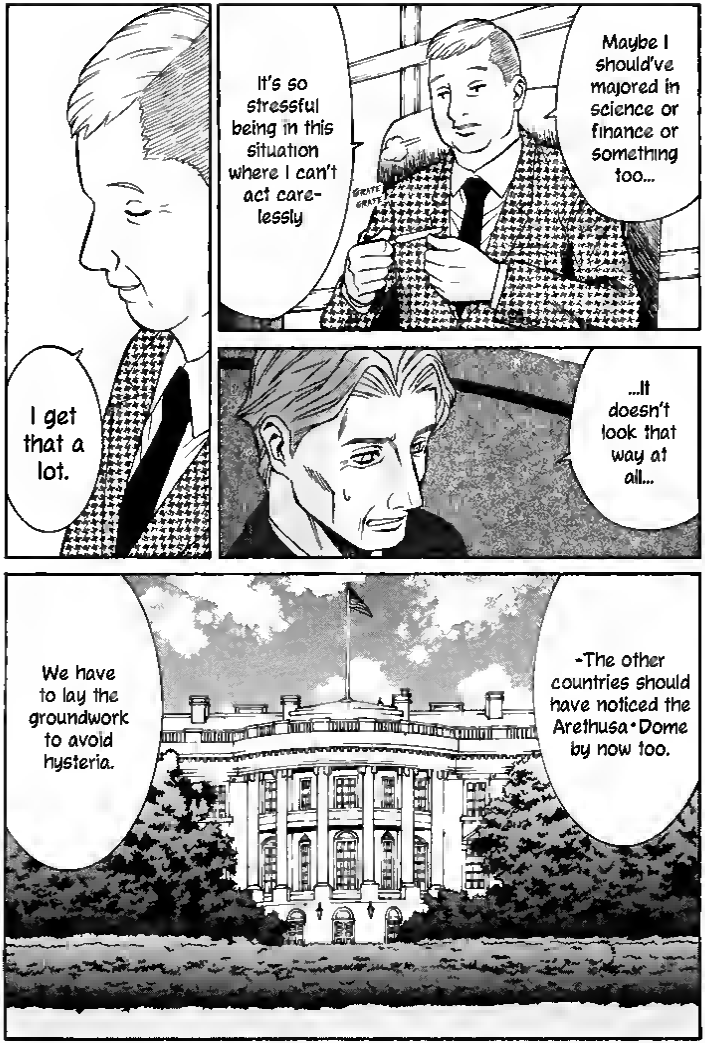

Is, the demand for weapons will probably grow.
What that means,
Is that it's time for business.


You're asking why China arbitrarily decided to use 「nuclear weapons」?
It's obvious.
Because 「it was necessary」. That country isn't stupid

If they allowed a monster, that's unaffected by regular weapons, to strut around amongst them, their national pride would waver.
The accurate number is unknown, but...Even if their population dropped, that country has seven to eight billion citizens
It was necessary for them to show their citizens the reality that they could erase an Arethusa deemed an enemy at any time with a single switch.
It's manifestation of power.
....That's rather dangerous...
In other words, it means that country is running out of options.

...The fuse has been lit, hasn't it...?
ピチン
It is also likely that the public opinion of other countries will inevitably grow to oppose China and attack them
Even in our country, the citizens will not hesitate to use this as an incentive to let their insecurities flare.
We must stop them
We must set the standard as an international leader
Fu... haha ha!
I guess. We're a leader that has their hands full with domestic affairs alone, hesitating to simply send out relief supplies.
THIS IS A MATTER OF PRESENCE!! EVEN AS A SELF-DEPRECATING JOKE, ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH?!
No, I'm sorry. Pretend you didn't hear that.


I get that a lot.
It's so stressful being in this situation where I can't act carelessly
GRATE GRATE
Maybe I should've majored in science or finance or something too...
...It doesn't look that way at all...
We have to lay the groundwork to avoid hysteria.
-The other countries should have noticed the Arethusa•Dome by now too.

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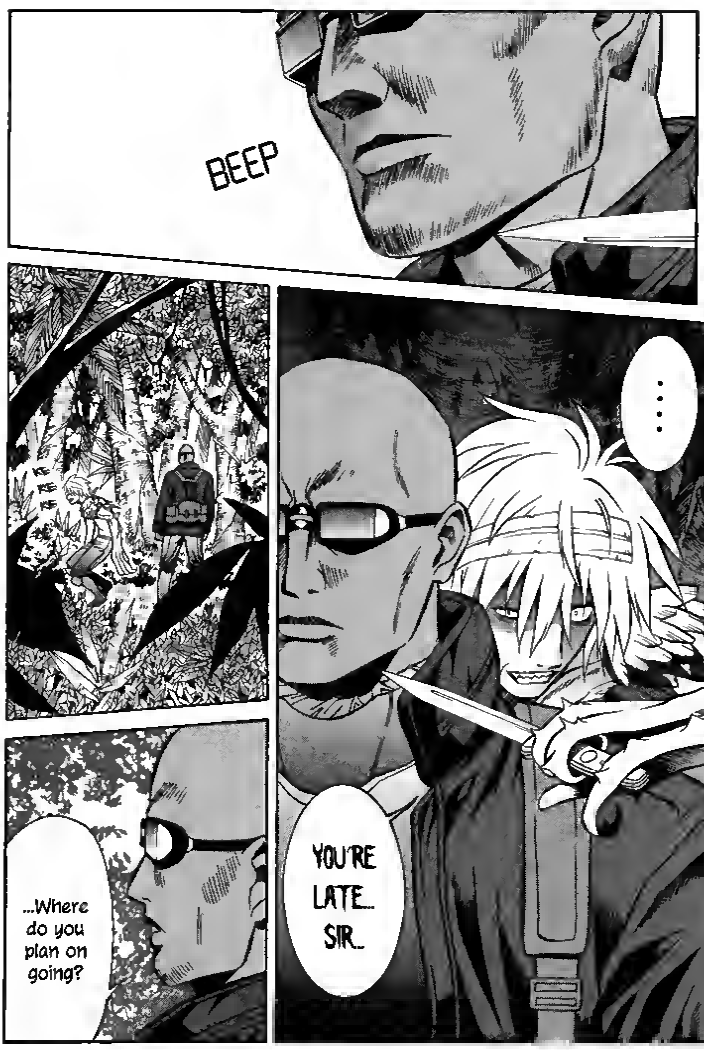
BEEP
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...
YOU'RE LATE... SIR..
...Where do you plan on going?

Don't know
...This guy...
After he became an Arethusa, looks like his feet started leading him south....
And it's regardless of his own will.... it's just natural.
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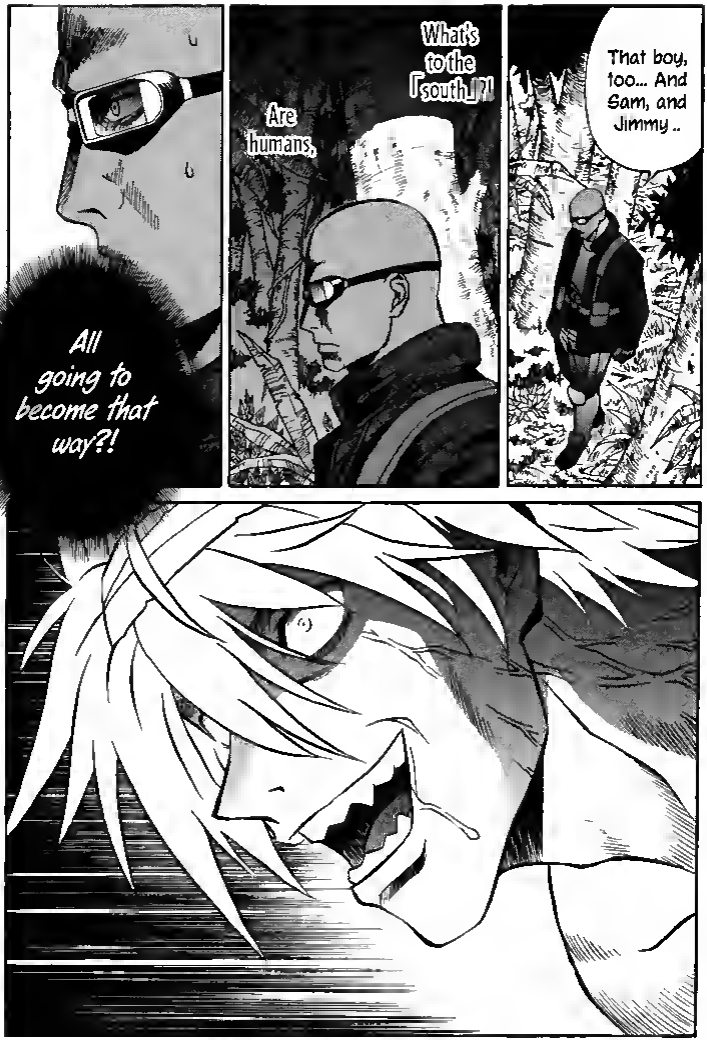
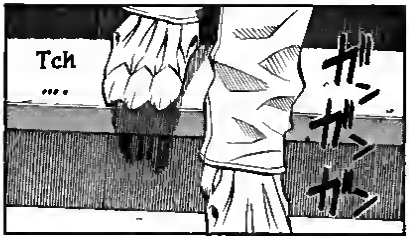

That boy, too... And Sam, and Jimmy ..
What's to the 「south」?!
Are humans,
All going to become that way?!

Why do you keep following us?
Treating us like kids!
That's not it.
You civilians need military surveillance here.
You heard her.
Give it up, Dina.

.....
-It's true that you can't go back. With the current situation that is..
Research is continuing.
It's better than not even having a 1 in 10,000 chance, right?
You're telling the truth, right?
Yeah.

Military affair... usage, huh..
The American military's completely immersed in the research, too
.....
That's pretty much it.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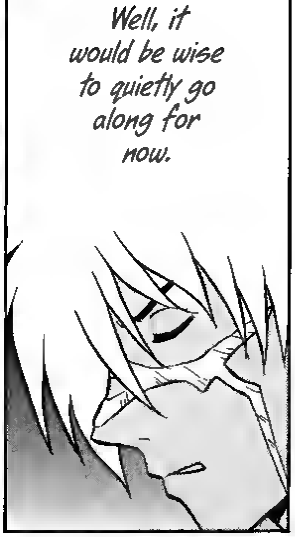
AH, WAIT! HOLD IT.


Well, it would be wise to quietly go along for now.

You can't just be roaming around.
We can't have this, boy.

ドン

It's possible for just one kid that doesn't want to follow regulations to cost everyone's lives.
All of us here are a family and a team that share the same fate.
This place is different from land.
!!
Will you become an enemy?
Before long,

Hold it.
Do plants not understand human words?!
Grab
ブオッ

ドドッ
GUWAH
I guess a man of the sea isn't anything special.

TRY SAYING THAT ONE MORE TIME!!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!!
Y.... YOU IDIOT!!!
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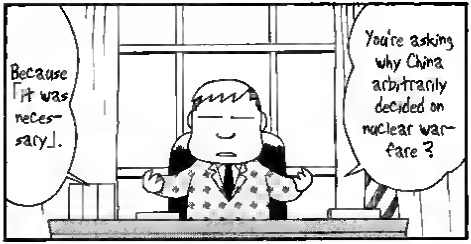
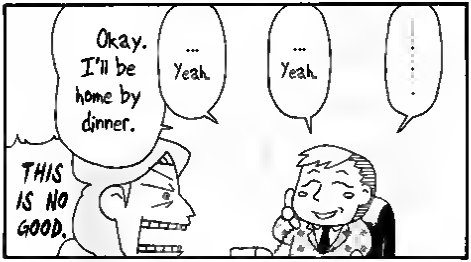

You're asking why China arbitrarily decided on nuclear warfare?
Because 「it was necessary」.

Let us not lose to them and use ours as well.
100 BLASTS WITH A BANG, KABOOM
AS AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER.

Hold on, I'll ask the wife.
Hello? Elza? It's me.
Is it okay if I fire a nuclear weapon?

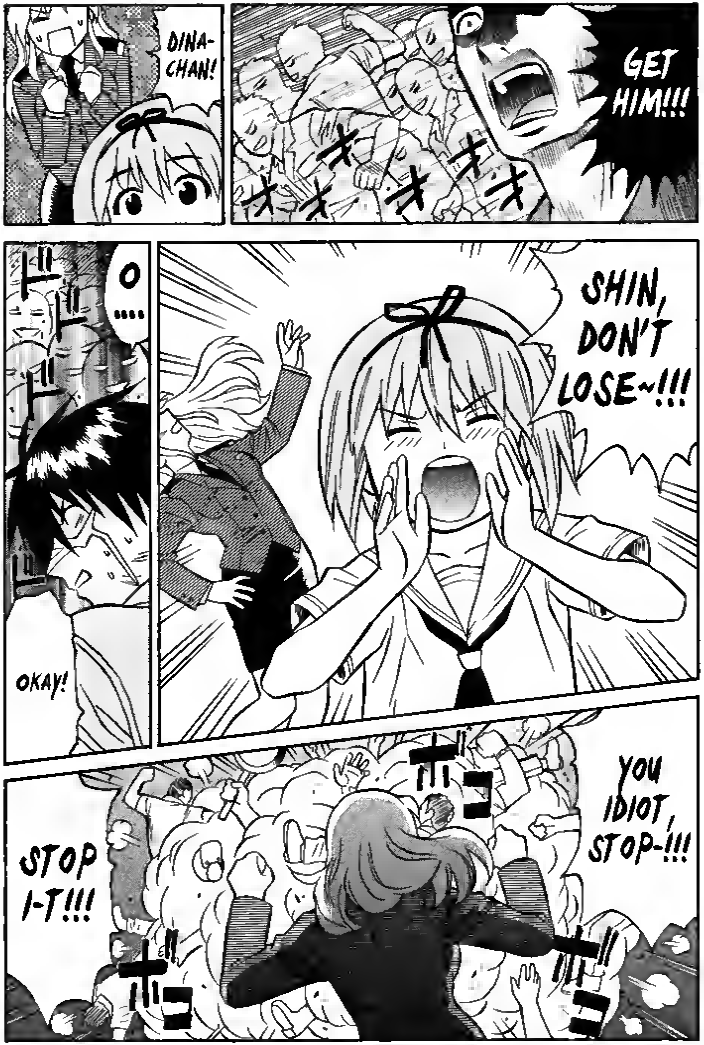

Okay. I'll be home by dinner.
... Yeah.
... Yeah.
THIS IS NO GOOD.

Fanart from Garlic Dunk, artist of "A Fairytale for the Demon Lord"

COME ON! WHAT'S WRONG?!
IS THIS ALL YOU NAVY GUYS HAVE?!
I'M GETTING BORED OUTTA MY ASS!!
YOU SHITTY BRAT... RUNNING YOUR MOUTH...!!

WE'RE IN A DELICATE POSITION JUST BEING HERE~!!
OH MY GOD! WHAT IS HE THINK-ING?!
EVERYONE HERE! JUST COME AT ME ALL TOGETHER!!
THIS IS ANNOY-ING!!
Are you sure about that?
Heh?
The guy said it himself, so we have no choice.
Yeah, have no choice, right?

Sigh~
got no choice ~
No choice... Let's do it.
SAY SOMETHING! SHIN MIGHT LISTEN TO YOU!
AH! DINA-CHAN! NICE TIMING!
WHEN DID ALL THESE GUYS SHOW UP?!
How much free time do you have?!
WA....! HOLD ....!


DINA-CHAN!
GET HIM!!!
SHIN, DON'T LOSE~!!!
O....
OKAY!
YOU IDIOT, STOP-!!!
STOP I-T!!!

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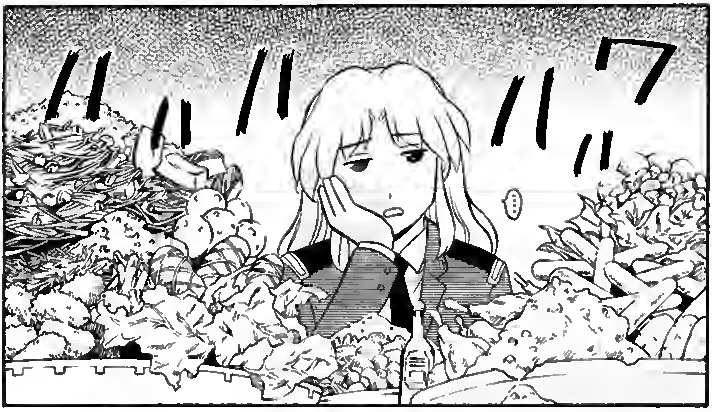
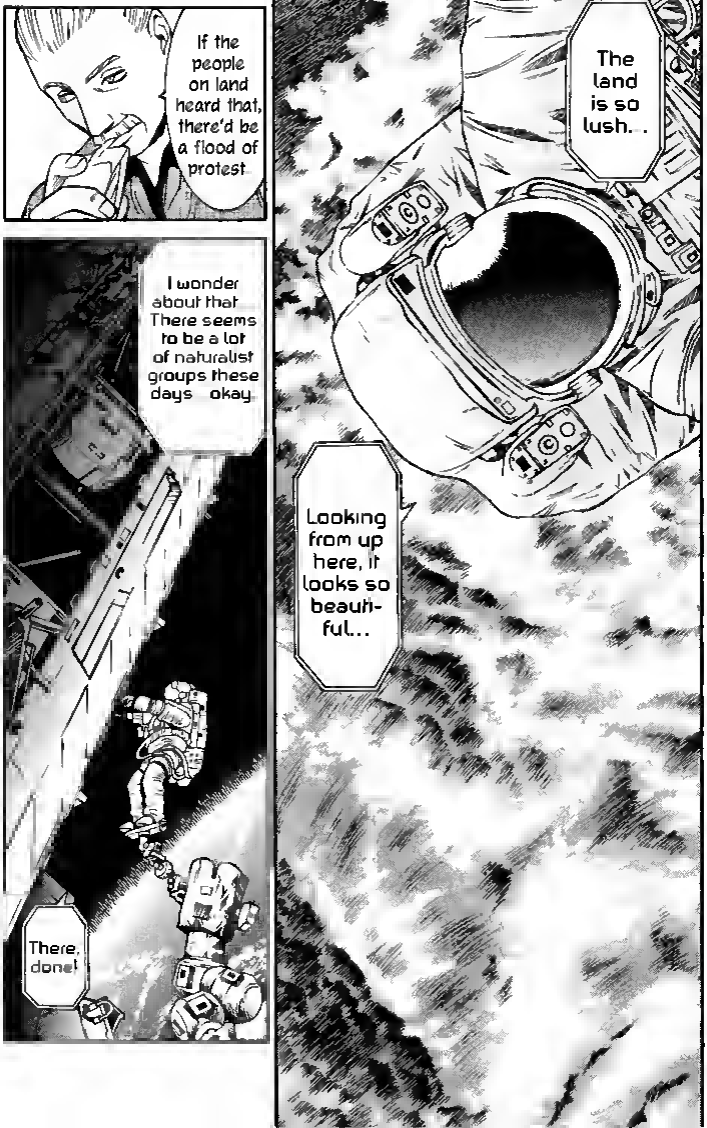
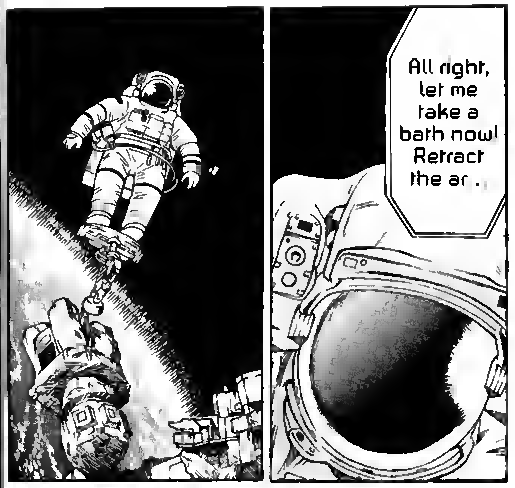


WHEN IT COMES TO FUN ON THE SEAS, THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN THIS!
HEY, ARE YOU DONE EATING ALREADY? MAN UP!!
So stupid
Opening up by pummeling each other around, huh... Are you guys supposed to some ancient relics?
NO, WAIT, DON'T YOU THINK THESE GUYS HAVE OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO? RIGHT, ONEE-CHAN?!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU PIGS !!
Really, men are such idiots!
Chomp Chomp Chomp Chomp

There was a trans-mission just now, right?
When did they say they'd send the next batch of materials?
They said it's still pend-ing.
Don't you think there's a good chance they'll forget about us once the next shuttle comes up?
Well none of the countries have the time to be worrying about spece right now
I heard they finelly resorted to limited nuclear warfare


The land is so lush. .
Looking from up here, it looks so beauti-ful...
If the people on land heard that, there'd be a flood of protest
I wonder about that There seems to be a lot of naturalist groups these days okay
There, done!

Hey!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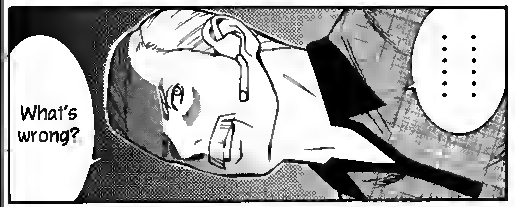
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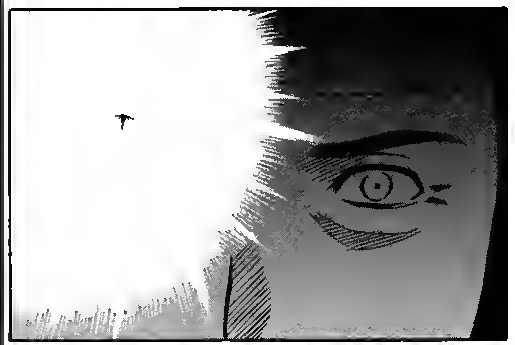
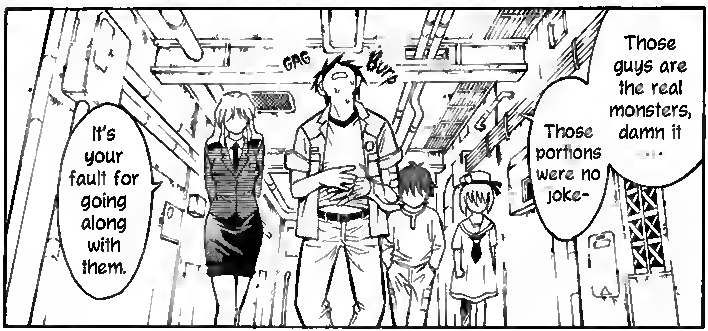


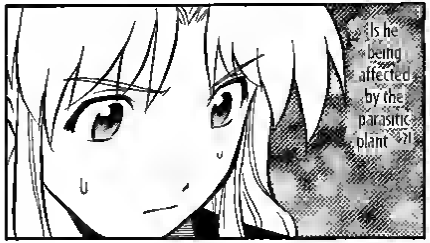

GAG
BUT?
It's your fault for going along with them.
Those portions were no joke-
Those guys are the real monsters, damn it ...

Speaking of which. Why did I pick a fight?
No, not really ...
Did you pick a fight knowing this would happen?
They gave that to you?
...But, well, I guess it worked out.
It's just, suddenly.. I got irritated for no reason..
Huh?
Hey...
Eh?
Shin ...!
Are you all right?!

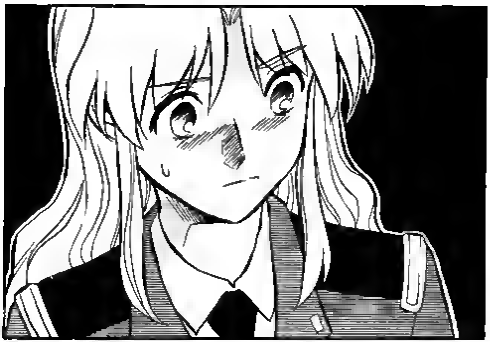
GRIP
GRIP
GRIP

When I was irritated earlier, this feeling...
That's right. This feeling ...
SHIN?!

KUH...


Is he being affected by the parasitic plant?!

Ah...
About what...?
Irritated...? The plant is?
It's talking a lot more than it ever has before.
Yup. It's talking with a lot of energy, so I don't understand it well, but..



... the nuclear weapon...!

Second Lt. Field, return with Shin and the others, immediately!
Y... yes.
Then, I'll excuse myself.
COO, I've brought the documents.
Enter.

Wait
.....

Here's your next job.
I want you to quickly make these battle-ready
. New MT's... and three models at that?
This is too sudden. Putting aside the problem of the airframe, do you know realize how much time and money goes into raising talented personnel for military purposes?
I'm well aware
I've pulled out specialists from all areas. They should add to your pool of talent.
I've opened an entire research facility. Starting now, you will be in charge.
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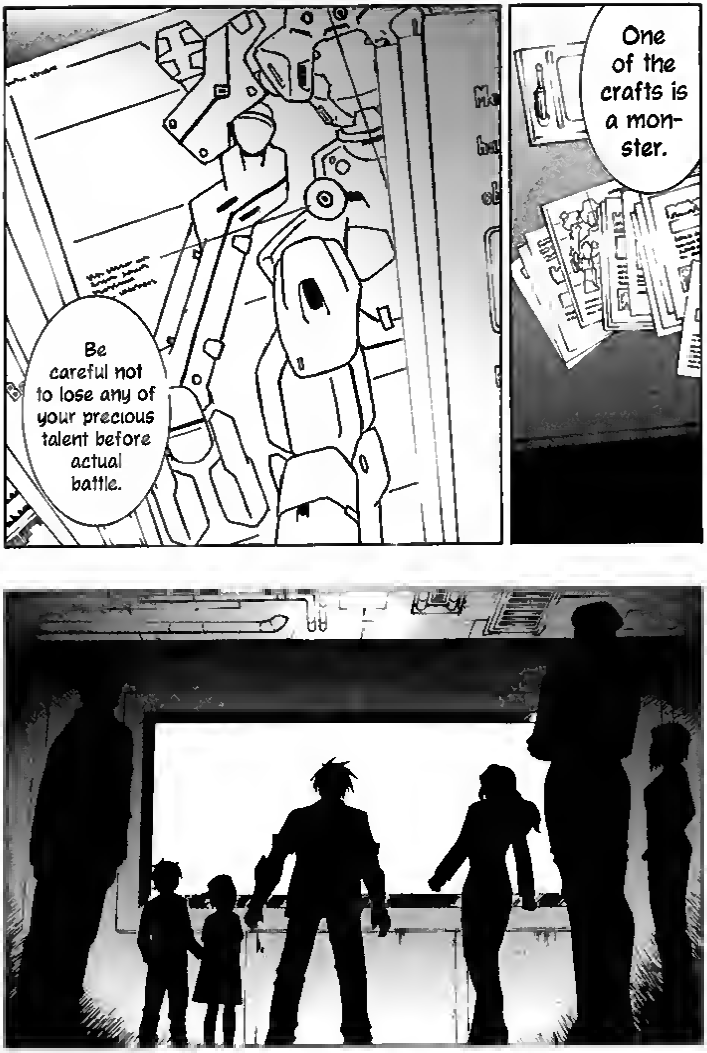
Be careful not to lose any of your precious talent before actual battle.
One of the crafts is a monster.

No way... Even in space...?!
It's another new species of Arethusa, with a new form
This time, the ISS discovered it.

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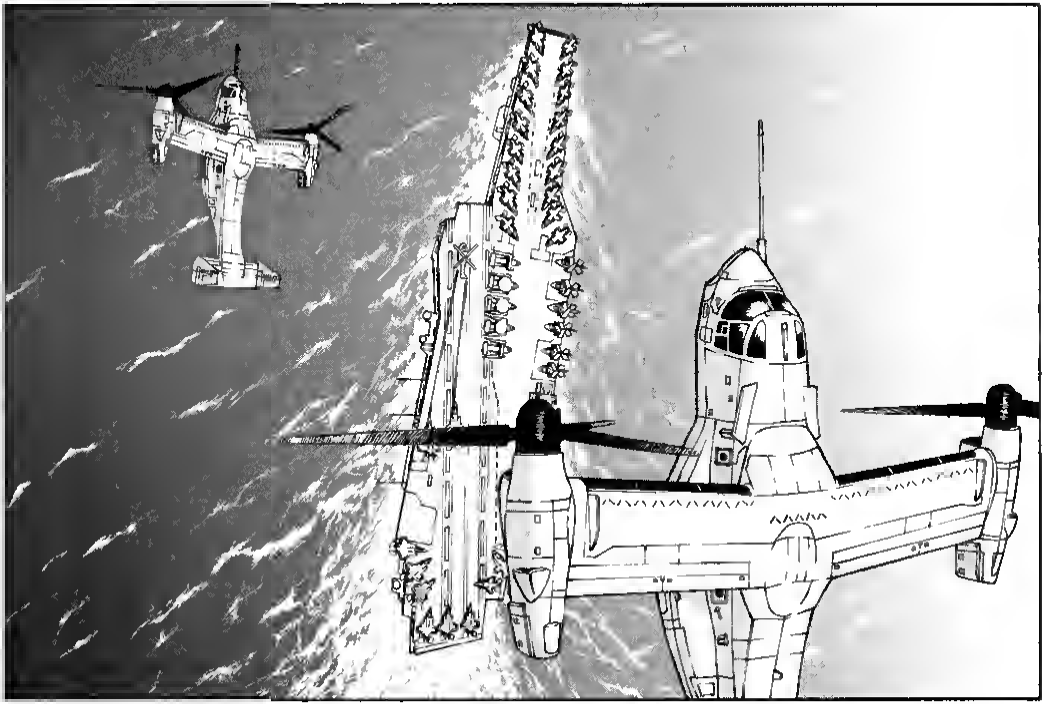
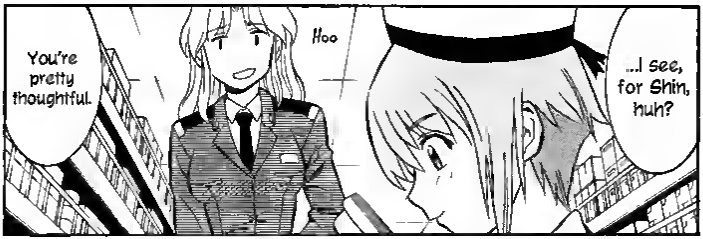


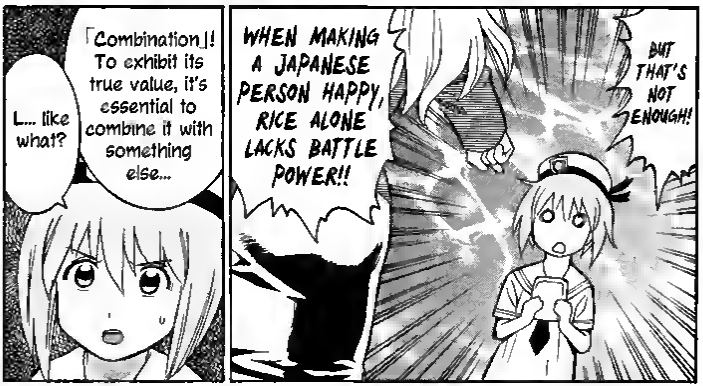
When do you think I'll be taken over by the plant?
Doctor
Mm....?
That being said, it's not guaranteed that you'll be taken over...
... It has progressed considerably...
.....

You're bad at lying,
Doctor.
. . . .
Uwah .....

I've heard stories about it, but...
BEEP
BEEP
I guess an aircraft carrier really is a small town...
You didn't know? Even though you're a soldier?
Well, because I'm in the army. This is my first time on an aircraft carrier.

C.. can we get this too?
Sure... Do you like that?
Oh..Isn't that rice? I guess with three thousand people here, there might even be a few Japanese sailors, too...
Ah....
What is it?


You're pretty thoughtful.
Hoo
...I see, for Shin, huh?


「Combination」! To exhibit its true value, it's essential to combine it with something else...
L... like what?
WHEN MAKING A JAPANESE PERSON HAPPY, RICE ALONE LACKS BATTLE POWER!!
BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH!

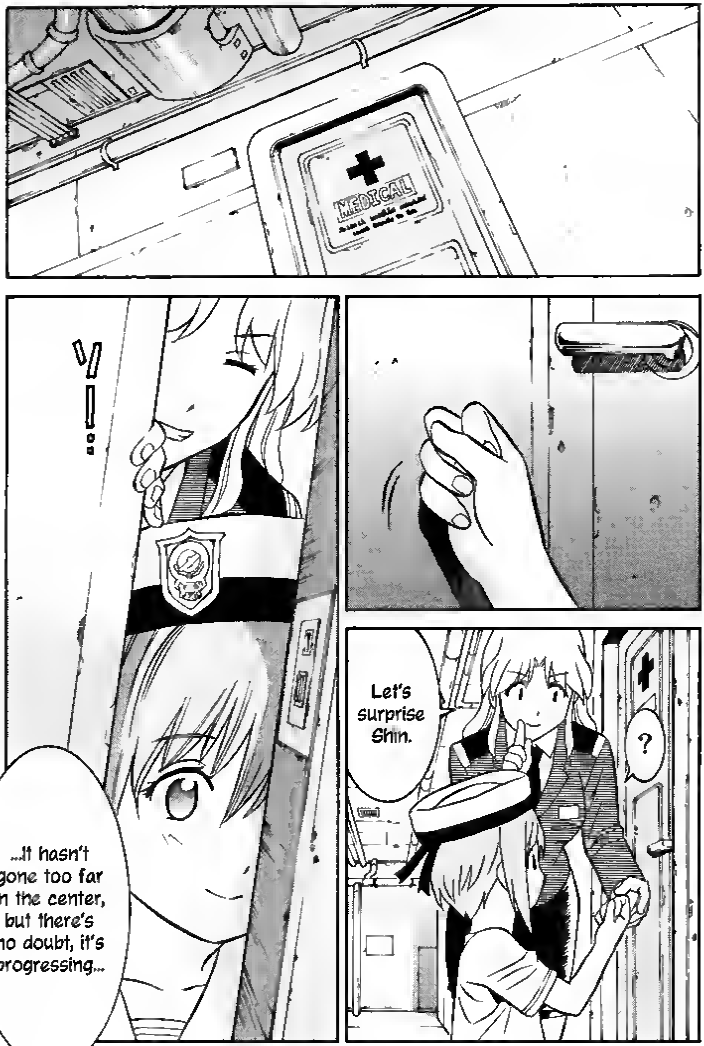
Let's see... first of all, something like, raw fish, raw eggs, or seaweed....
And there's that fermented bean thing, too.
Fermented—?
You let it rot.
Raw...? Rotten...
Would I catch anything if I tried fishing?
Well, anyway, as an expert of Japan, I'll pick out the best items for you.
I'll try inviting Shin over later♪
NO FAIR! I'M THE ONE THAT FOUND IT!

Ohh~
Awe-some~!
HEY!

But this is awesome. Even though they're an army of the sea, they have robots for land, and airplanes, and all sorts of stuff.
Mm? Well, the navy's well off...
Heh... hehe...
DON'T GO WANDERING OFF ON YOUR OWN! DO YOU WANT TO CAUSE MORE TROUBLE?!
But, hey... Does this really mean..
With those... Plants..?
That a huge war... is going to start?

Be careful of Shin.
Wha ...?!
With the way things look, we don't know how long he'll be able to stay human.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!!
THIS TRIP IS TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN, RIGHT?!
There's no guarantee. If you plan to come with us, be prepared
If not, you can just get off here you know? We'll be holding on to your little sister though...

NEVER AGAIN...!!
I CAN'T HAND DINA OVER TO ADULTS...
I CAN'T DO THAT!!
Hey!
.....
Get it together, onii-chan.
You guys can't go on living on your own.
If your little sister is that important, all the more reason...


MEDICAL
!!
Let's surprise Shin.
?
...It hasn't gone too far in the center, but there's no doubt, it's progressing...

Right now.. 70% of your body is enveloped by the plant.

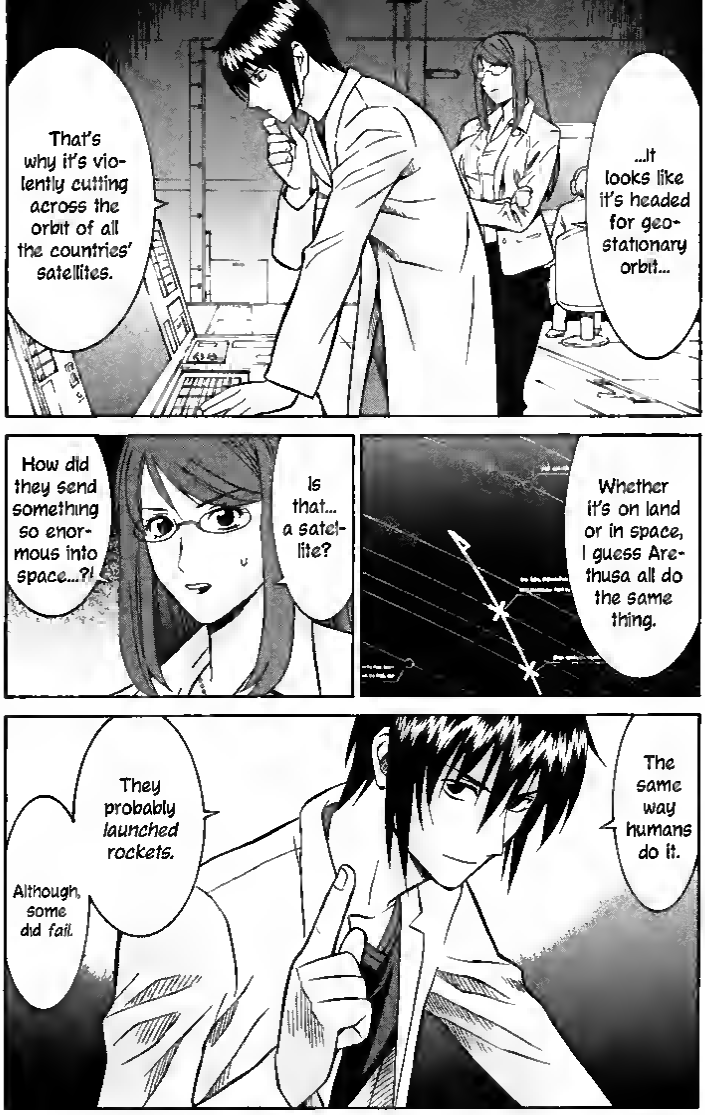
In order to use the host to take action, the plant doesn't encroach on the brain.
But once the plant completely envelops your body,
It should be able to move on its own, regardless of your will.
L... let's go... Dina-chan.
It looks like he's still busy ...
.....
Gasp

...So that's when I'll turn into an Arethusa,
Eh?
... No,
Shin's ...
It took three weeks to progress this far.. Even at the latest-
.....
...A rough number's fine... About how long do I have?
Shin's body...

-You probably won't last another three weeks.
Somehow,
I know.

Receiving injuries speeds up the progression.
Listen, you can't sustain anymore injuries!
I see...
Something in the south is calling out to me.
If possible, that's what I want too, but- I can tell that my body wants to go south.
I somehow knew that Ken, who should've been at Megalith Corp. in NY, was in the south.
Isn't that weird?
Now that I think about it, I was heading south to search for Ken from the beginning
... What do you mean?

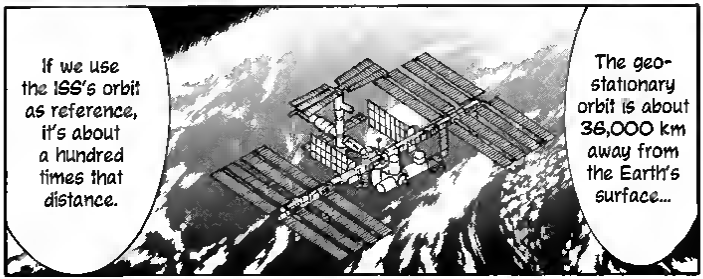
From the beginning..
It was like I was being controlled...
I never even felt liking questioning
We are experiencing communications failure all through out the world!
It is believed to be due to satellite destruction from contact with the Arethusa above the satellites' orbits.

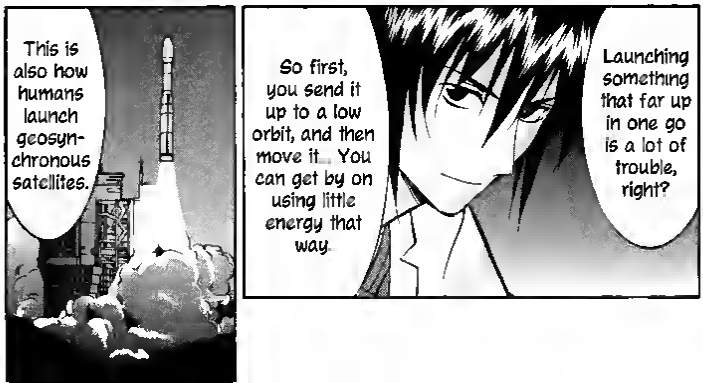

That's why it's violently cutting across the orbit of all the countries' satellites.
...It looks like it's headed for geostationary orbit...
How did they send something so enormous into space...?!
Is that... a satellite?
Whether it's on land or in space, I guess Arethusa all do the same thing.
They probably launched rockets.
Although, some did fail.
The same way humans do it.

THEN THOSE THINGS WE THOUGHT WERE ICBMS...
You can't mean ...
Launch... fail?
They were aiming for this!
That wasn't an attack or anything like that.
When you calculate the collected data since then, it turns out they took a course to launch above low orbit.
But with those numbers,
Failure was a possibility due to various external factors

Using that as an opportunity, China has resorted to nuclear warfare, and the world is following suit with force you know...?!
I can't laugh at that...
Even humans haven't created a rocket that's 100% successful yet.
You're right... you can't laugh at that, can you...?
The Arethusa satellite is transitioning from a parking orbit to a Hohmann transfer orbit.
We believe it is trying to get on a geostationary transfer orbit.
It's those ellipses.
Yeah... umm, it's a course that makes a satellite move up and down between low and high orbit.
Hohmann transfer orbit...?

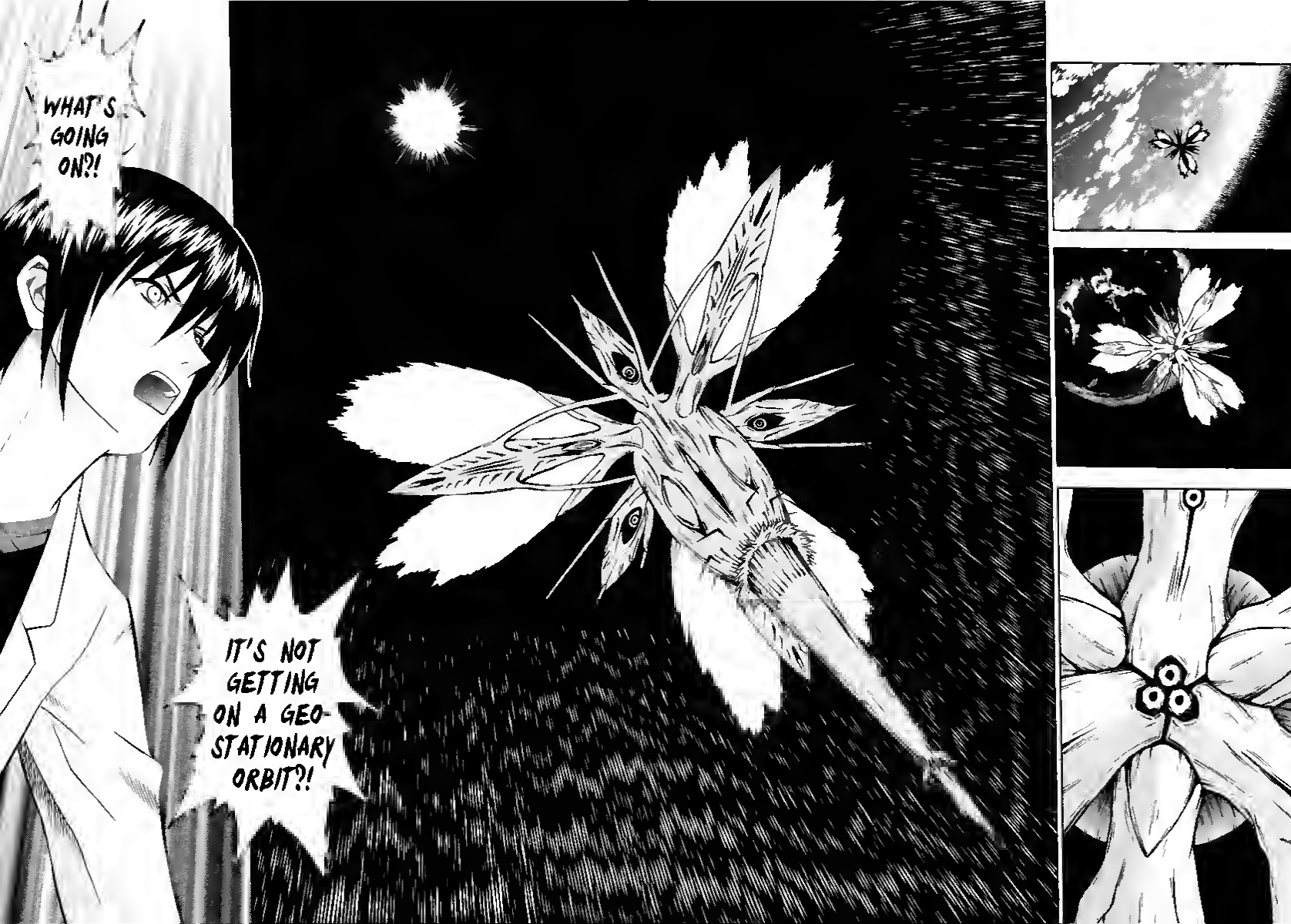
Geostationary Orbit
Geostationary Transfer Orbit
ISS
Parking Orbit
And among them the course for getting on the geostationary orbit has a special name of geostationary transfer orbit.


If we use the ISS's orbit as reference, it's about a hundred times that distance.
The geostationary orbit is about 36,000 km away from the Earth's surface...


This is also how humans launch geosynchronous satellites.
So first, you send it up to a low orbit, and then move it... You can get by on using little energy that way.
Launching something that far up in one go is a lot of trouble, right?

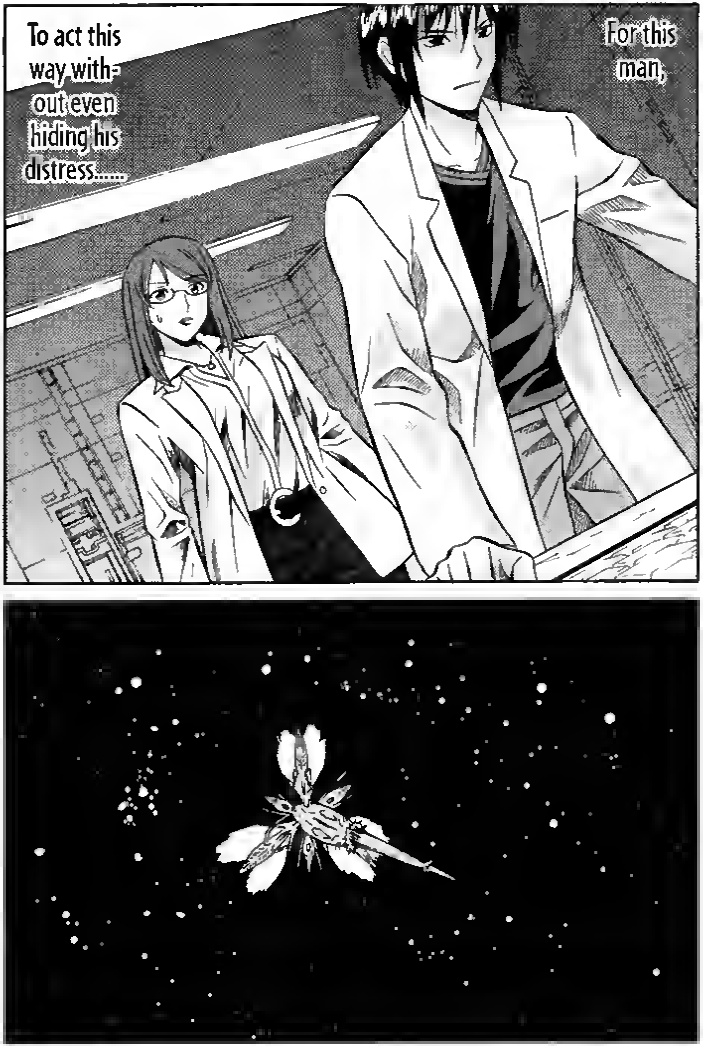
That's all well and good, but...
How do the plants even know about that?!
Even before this, the plants have taken action which can only be thought of as intelligent,
But...
This... Isn't this case somehow, definitively, different from any before?!
Right...? ...space...!

That's-
.....
The Arethusa satellite's course is moving away from the geo-stationary transfer orbit!!
Shouldn't that be an unknown environment to the plants...?
Why do they have detailed know-how about a space they've never been to from the beginning?!
...
WHAT?!


WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IT'S NOT GETTING ON A GEO-STATIONARY ORBIT?!

Where are you headed...?!
This doesn't make sense... that's...
U.. understood!
SEND ME THE DATA!!
What... is this?!
...At this rate, you'll just eventually get pulled into the sun's gravitational force...!
Could it be... a failure?
.....
The way they had individual failures in the launches ...
-Up to now,
It was perfect!!

Everything was consistent with navigating toward a geostationary orbit....
This one, since firing, every little detail, even small orbital adjustments were calculated perfectly to avoid any problems..!
IF THIS THING ISN'T SUPPOSED TO GET ON A GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, THEN WHAT THE HELL IS IT FOR?!
I CAN'T PASS IT OFF AS A FAILURE, I JUST CAN'T...!!
This is a first...


To act this way without even hiding his distress.....
For this man,

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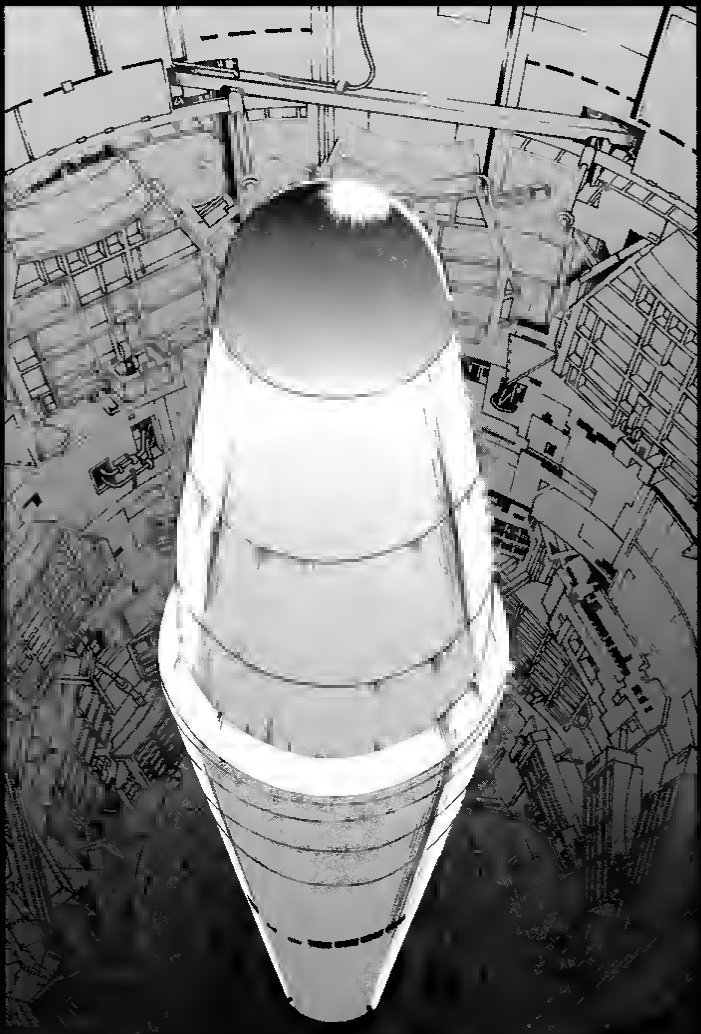
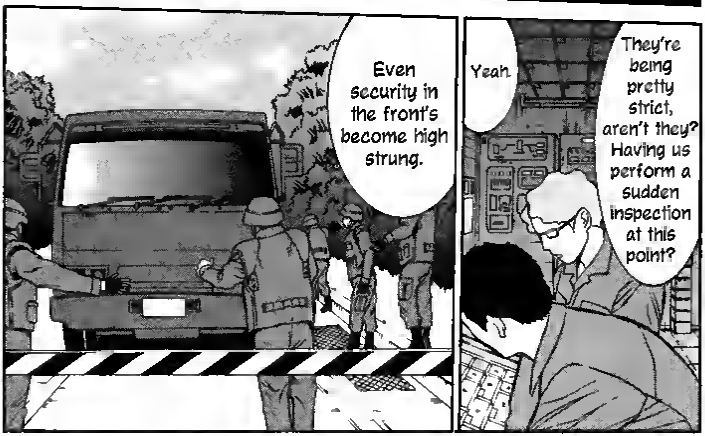
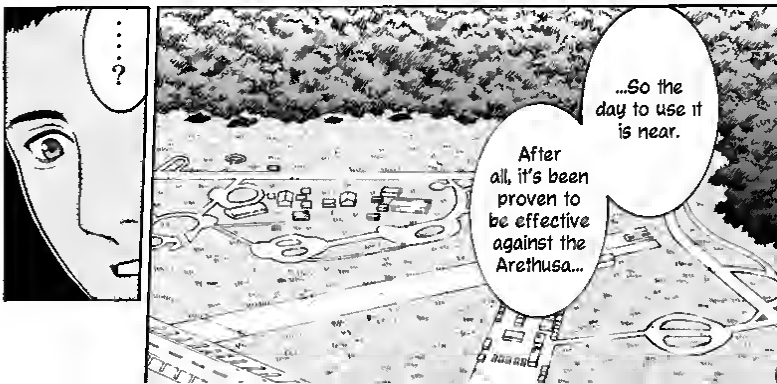
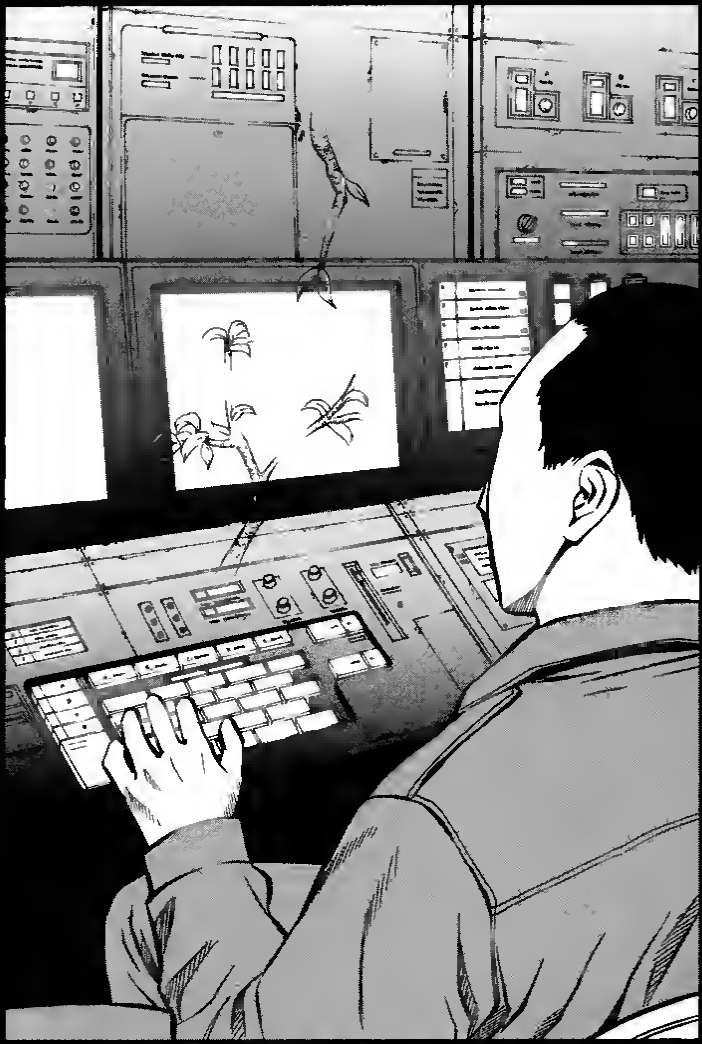


We will end the supplemental inspection
All systems, green.


Even security in the front's become high strung.
Yeah.
They're being pretty strict, aren't they? Having us perform a sudden inspection at this point?


....?
...So the day to use it is near.
After all, it's been proven to be effective against the Arethusa...



WHA....
WH.... WHAT IS THIS?!!
THE PERSONNEL INSIDE....
PRY IT OPEN!!

UH....
バコン

We haven't been told, as of yet, what has happened, but....
Judging from the Pentagon's confusion, I gather it isn't any ordinary situation.
Finally,
It might be that their 「counter attack」 has begun....
ガン
ガン
ガン
...It's hard to believe...
How are we supposed to fight against plants as our enemies...?
キュッ
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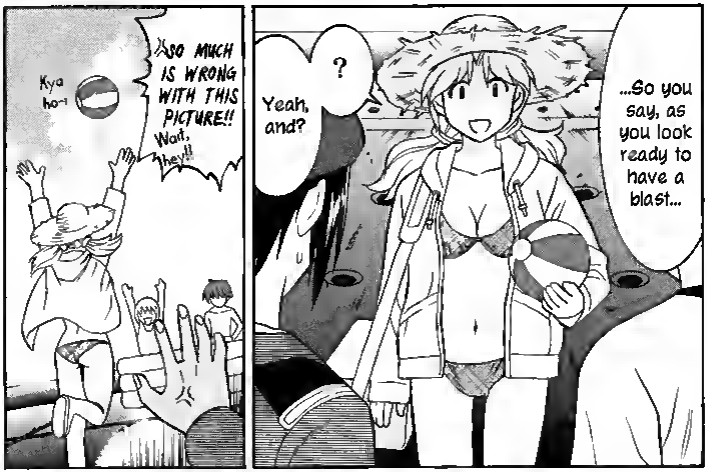
ガヤ
ガヤ
I DON'T CARE!! THEY'LL BE THE ONES TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!! I COULDN'T CARE LESS!!
Captain....
Is this all right?
Actually, where did he get that..
Of course this isn't okay, and don't ask me!
Well, I can imagine who's behind this though....

I guess I was being unreasonable~!
We-ll, we're here anyway, so I wanted to do something with a beach feel.


Kya ho~!
SO MUCH IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE!!
Wait, hey!!
?
Yeah, and?
...So you say, as you look ready to have a blast...

E.... EVEN YOU, MAJOR .....?!!
There we go
Well... Don't you think this is fine once in a while? We've received permission to use this place anyway

Y.... yes... but,
There you have it, Second Lt
This might be the last time we'll be able to let loose like this, you know?
Even the straight laced Colonel!
Ahaha... these people are such idiots.
Oh my.... I'm not going to give out any orders. I leave it up to each individual member.
Think of it as an order from your superior and give it up

But, they're not bad-!

This is surreal.
Or rather, it's embarrassing being seen by the crew...
Are you still grumbling~?
Even if the Major manages to coax them, the navy won't stay quiet.
Boing
ずばぁ

I REFUSE!!
You know Lucy has one too A Brazilian sw msuit
What was that? ...Something about the navy?
THIS IS STUPID!! YOU'RE ALL SO IRRESPONSIBLE!!
Ahaha! She's telling you not to fall for other girls
Tap tap

Ah-....
Maybe I should take a nap.

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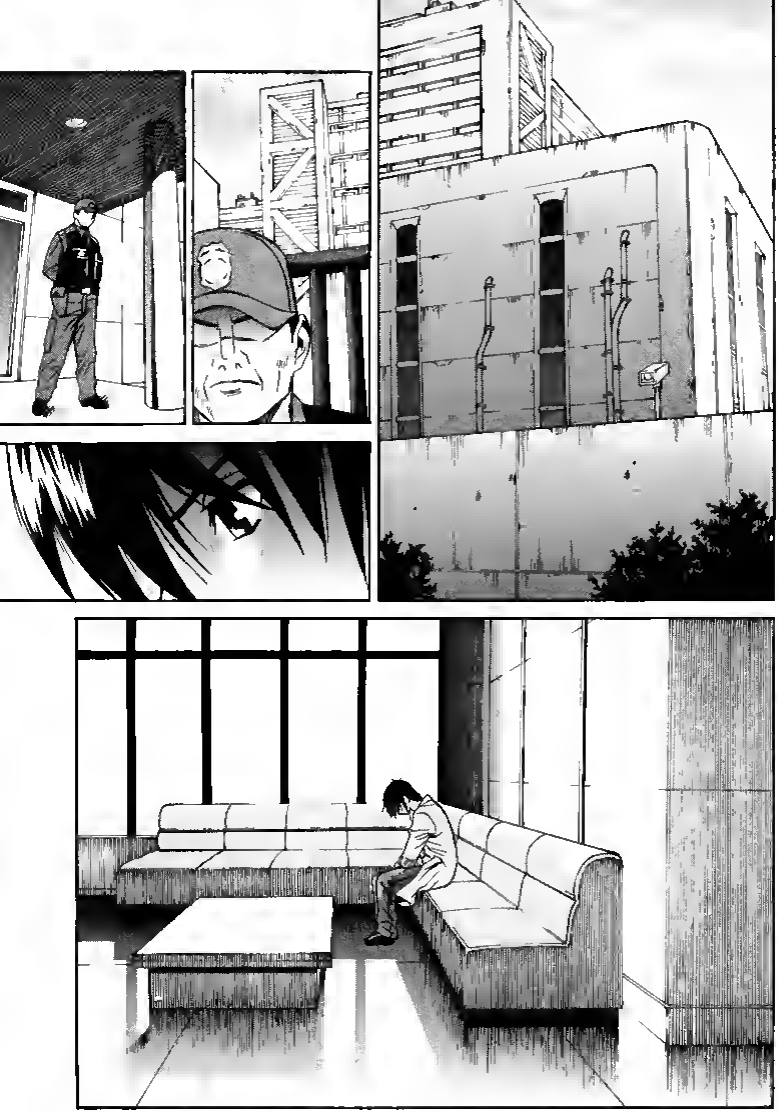
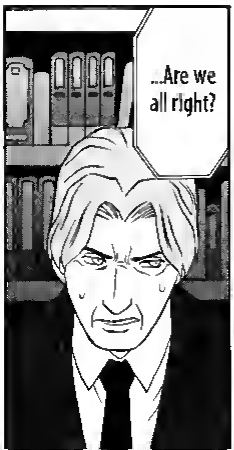


There's no doubt that something beyond the Doctor's predictions has occurred, but

...He's been like this the whole time since then...

It says not to use the usual line...

It's a message from the Chief of Staff's office! It seems there's another unusual phenomenon..



All over America, we are simultaneously experiencing multiple occurrences of phenomena identical to the Plant Burst...
This is a grave situation.
Either way, I don't think it'll matter for one person though ...
... Well, I guess.. This is the most secure line we have here...
That being said, the range is extremely contained.. It's on a very small scale.
The problem is the locations
How did the plants find out about it exactly...?

All of them,
They accurately aimed for every single facility that was deployed an ICBM...!!
All of our nuclear weapons have been rendered ineffective!!
Now that the nation's defense has lost it's most crucial option...
We...!!
AMERICA IS NOW AS GOOD AS UNARMED...!!!

You have an obligation to protect America!
I don't need your sarcasm! You are also a member of this nation.
Did they use a certain country's favorite MO as their own?
Disarming our weapons with pinpoint accuracy, huh...?
I don't think there's a need for that...
?!!
Don't misunderstand
「It's not just America」 -is what I'm saying.
Wha... what was that? It can't be.

What you're fearful of right now
Isn't the 「plants」 so much, but rather 「humans」.
That's why I'm saying it's all right.
It's simple... From the plants' point of view, they don't care about West or East when it comes to humans.
In other words,
This same situation is occurring to all the nuclear states around the world.

If you're worried, please use your satellites or whatever to investigate...
Then... Are you saying that currently, no country is capable of using ICBMs...?
But...
There is another reason we should be fearful of 「humans」.
After receiving a nuclear attack once... They probably sensed that the existence of these weapons capable of annihilating them was dangerous.
It's 「self-defense」, so to speak.
By the way, there's nowhere to run.
If humans are unarmed before their enemies, what will they do next?
A... and that is?

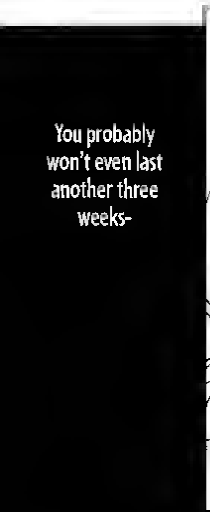
Using anything possible, we march out with the next thing that seems useful as a weapon, right?
And we're talking about: all the world's former nuclear states- simultaneously.
.....
Please notify all the other countries.
To 「avoid readily using a new weapon」...

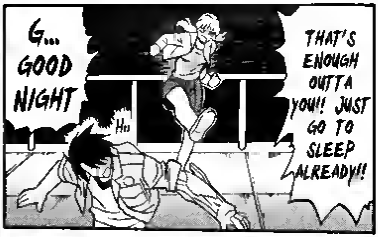
Even if a new attack works once, that will likely be the only time it does work.
Please don't forget that our opponents are 「weapons that evolve」.
ズズ
It's also possible that they'll oppose us with a method we couldn't even think of, similar to this incident.
And probably equipped with even more fire power.
The next opponent will be even tougher, even faster,
There is no second chance.
If we take action, we go with one that will annihilate them all in one go-

It's also no good to secretly restart nuclear weapon deployment behind the scenes.
Putting aside human eyes, I can't imagine that we can fool the eyes of the enemy.
Ahh, also,
I understand... I will do so.
Then ...
I'll just go ahead and say this in case, but...
Th... then, excuse me...
Enemy ... is it?
So the situation's turned into one where even the Doctor has no choice but to use that word as well.
I suppose... I can't hold him back anymore ...

So it's an「Anti-plant war」, huh....?
Worst case scenario, we both go down...
Even though we have no chance of winning...

Uwah... you sound like an old fart!!
But, it's too bad I didn't get to see the other two's goods...
It's fi-ne. The little twerp is super happy.
And it was nice recuper-ation for me too...
Nya mya
May-be we messed around too much?


You probably won't even last another three weeks-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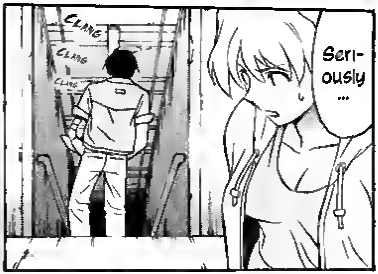
Hn
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!! JUST GO TO SLEEP ALREADY!!


CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
Seri-ously ...

SHIN!!
Thanks
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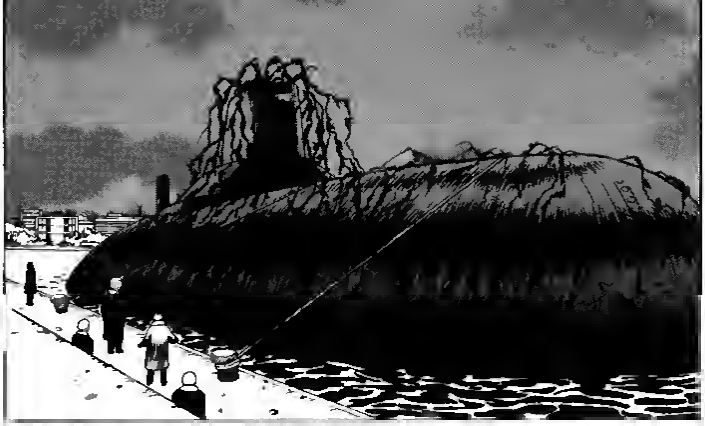
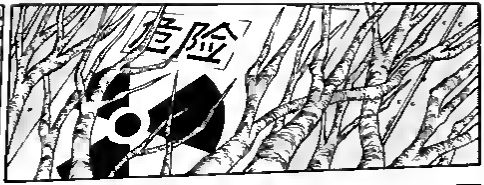
カン
カン
I won't forget.

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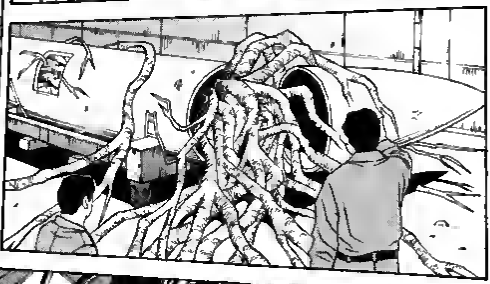

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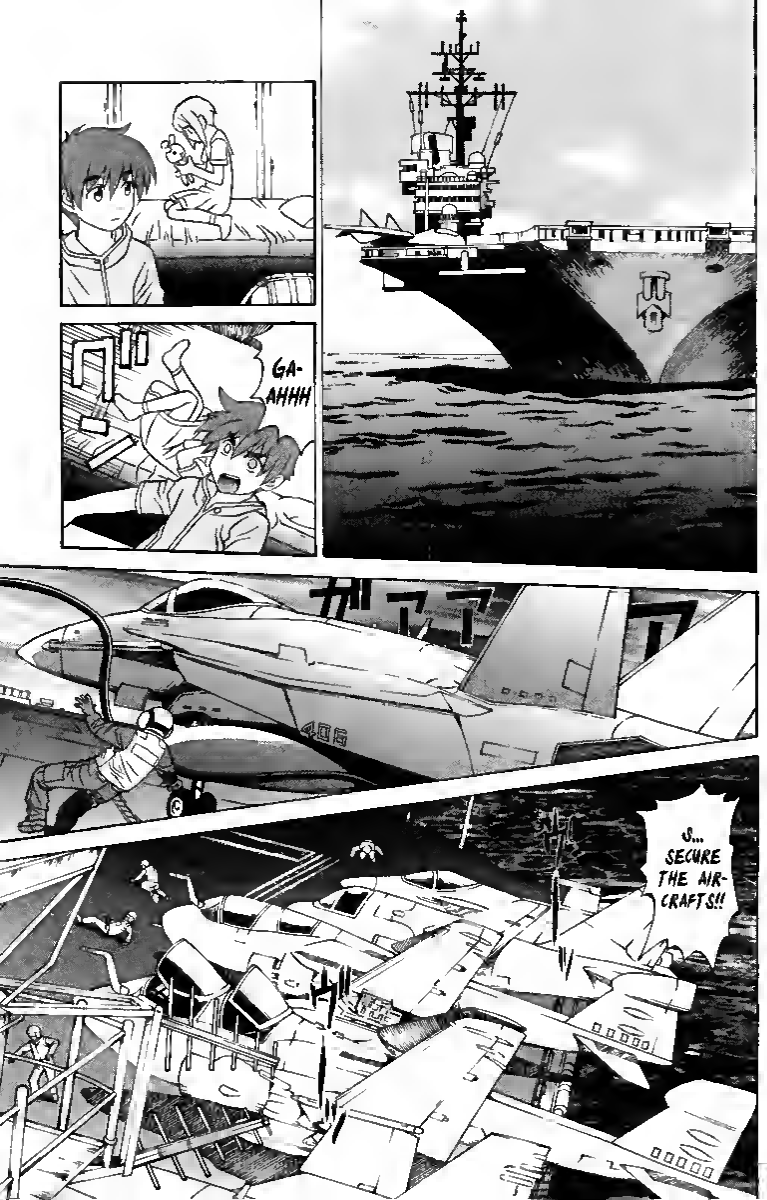
GA-AHHH
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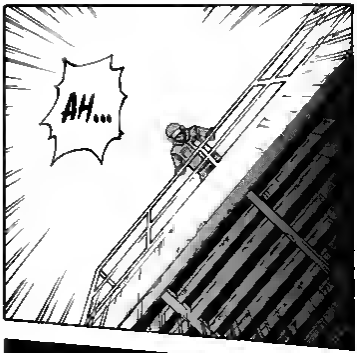
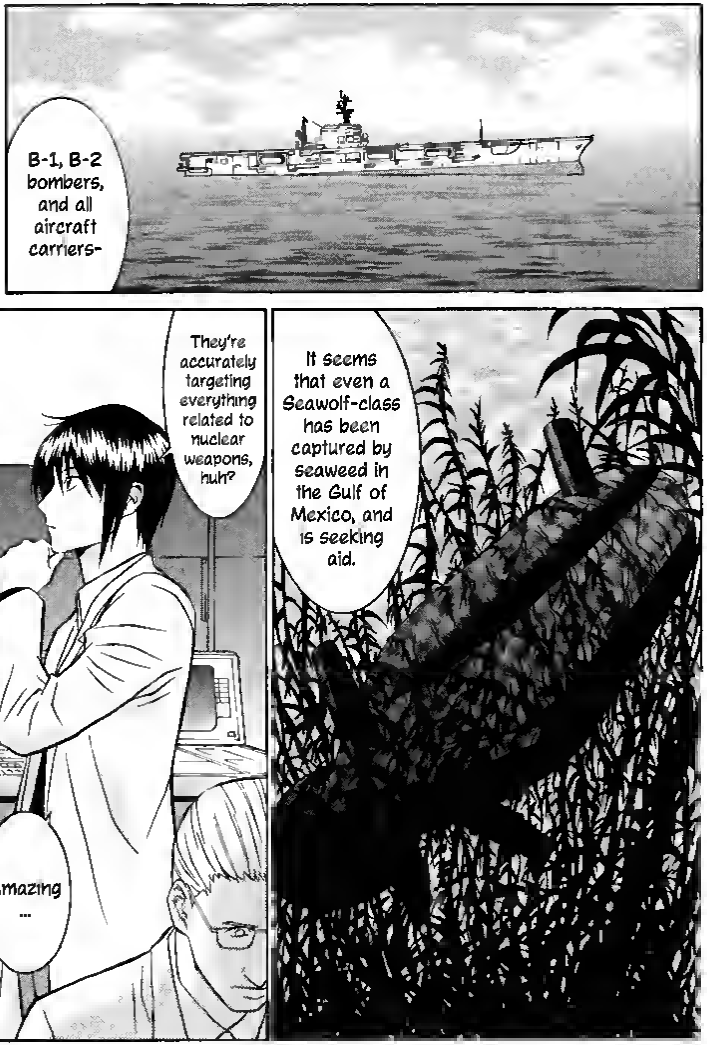
S... SECURE THE AIR-CRAFTS!!


AH...

ギギギギ
DID WE HIT SOMETHING?!
NO... THERE ARE NO POSSIBLE OBSTACLES IN THIS AREA OF THE OCEAN...!!


B-1, B-2 bombers, and all aircraft carriers-
They're accurately targeting everything related to nuclear weapons, huh?
Amazing ...
It seems that even a Seawolf-class has been captured by seaweed in the Gulf of Mexico, and is seeking aid.

Who knows ? Either way, the enemy is special
Armies are pros of war, but that's only limited to when the opponent is human... Right now, the whole world is nothing but a novice.
How is such a thing possible?!
It's not just America. Who would've thought they'd take the initiative and attack while all the armies around the world were at the height of amassing?
.....
...I wonder if something's missing...
A piece necessary to make a conjecture.
...Something's missing...
Eh?

That's what's important to me...
.....
I believe you've been informed that they've obtained the ability to rapidly process data.
Currently the plants have forged a system similar to the internet.

So, maybe they're recreating the "quantum state said to occur within the human cerebrum" is what I thought.
But that's not enough to conjecture that the plants have developed 「consciousness」.
The quantum state which we humans cannot utilize to satisfaction- How the plants performed overlapping is the crucial part
That's correct, Robby.
Was "that" Penrose's theory?
Roger Penrose (1931~)
Mathematician • Theoretical Physicist
Sounds unreasonable, right?
Do you mean that talk about parallel worlds?

What?
SURPRISE
But on the contrary it's not~
Above this Earth without the use of any large-scale equipment even...
What if a wormhole naturally occurred...? -What do you think, Gates?
Ms. Kelly, the data.
Press
.....!

Cosmic rays that ordinarily pour down onto Earth...
If one among them possessing a large amount of energy— According to calculations if a cosmic ray of a TeV level crashed into the atmosphere
Atmospheric Layer
Microscopic Black Hole // (Dissipates in 1/1027 of a second)
It's been pointed out that there's a rare possibility for a micro black hole to occur from that interaction, though for a short
You two might not remember this because the data hasn't been completely proven.
But, if this is the case,
Ho~ oh...!

It's okay to think that there's a micro wormhole from ancient times above Earth, right?
Honestly, I don't really know which happened first.
BUT!

Although not as extensive as now through evolution, photosynthetic creatures obtained allelopathy and created a network...
Well, these are the plants ancestors
These guys multiplied excessively and caused the Snowball Earth to occur, which is the glacial period in the latter half have the Proterozoic era.
These plants, which began to destroy themselves, used their network to search for a way to survive.
From that point, if they utilized a wormhole, and they were able to expand their exchange of information to their clones existing in a parallel universe-

They'd be on the same level as a「quantum computer」, an operational ability that doesn't even appear in humans.
It might even be possible for them to have「consciousness」.

Wouldn't the answer be us humans?
Then, why are those things mass producing now?
...Well, fine.
They keenly sensed a crisis, more so than the problem makers themselves... is what it means.
The green-house effect... ozone layer deple-tion...
I believe that was the motive for the Plant Burst...
Right... "Breaking down the greenhouse effect".
?
But ultimately it was just the initial motive...

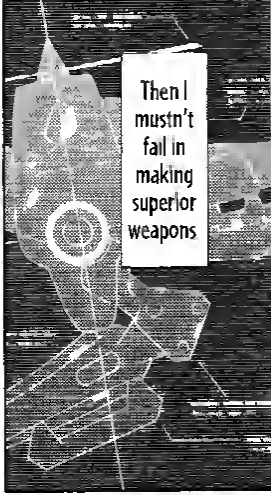
In the beginning they may have simply wanted to increase their number of friends
But after trying to materialize the plants of the parallel world, they obtained a secondary effect they didn't even think of...
Unlike before, they obtained something from connecting directly with the plants of the parallel world.
A much more expansive information processing ability
This isn't a means they would overlook using in their search for survival.
And so, a new objective...
Maybe they found their next possibility-

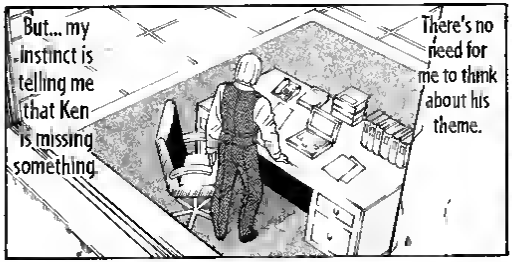
That 「con-
scious-
ness」
created
a certain
some-
thing.

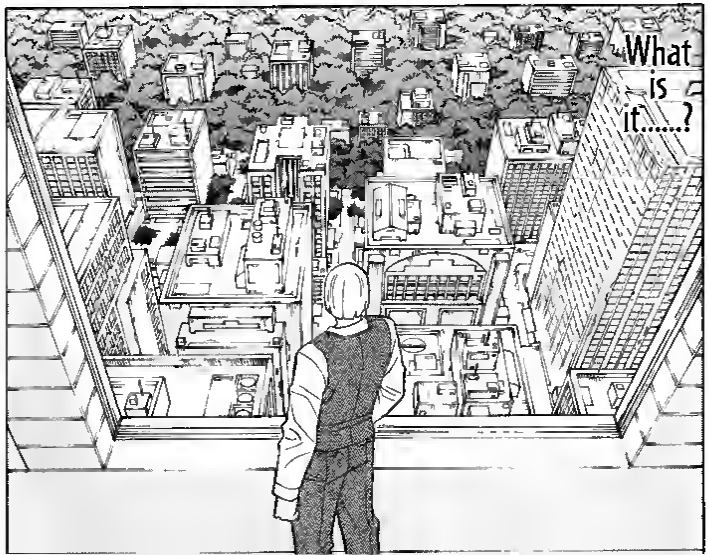
-First of all, thus far is my own opinion.
..lly
Ms Kelly
It seems there was unautho-rized access to this system for a moment
Umm... This bothered me a bit.
Y, yes?
I did a rough check, but there doesn't seem to be any irregular-ities.
.....
Am I over-thinking it?

There is only one strategy to take from there.
If we were to say his opinion was a reality.
There will only be isolated guerilla warfare!!
There won't be a war of total annihilation.
Thankfully, now that we're unable to use nuclear weapons,

Some-thing's bothering me...
..But,


Then I mustn't fail in making superior weapons

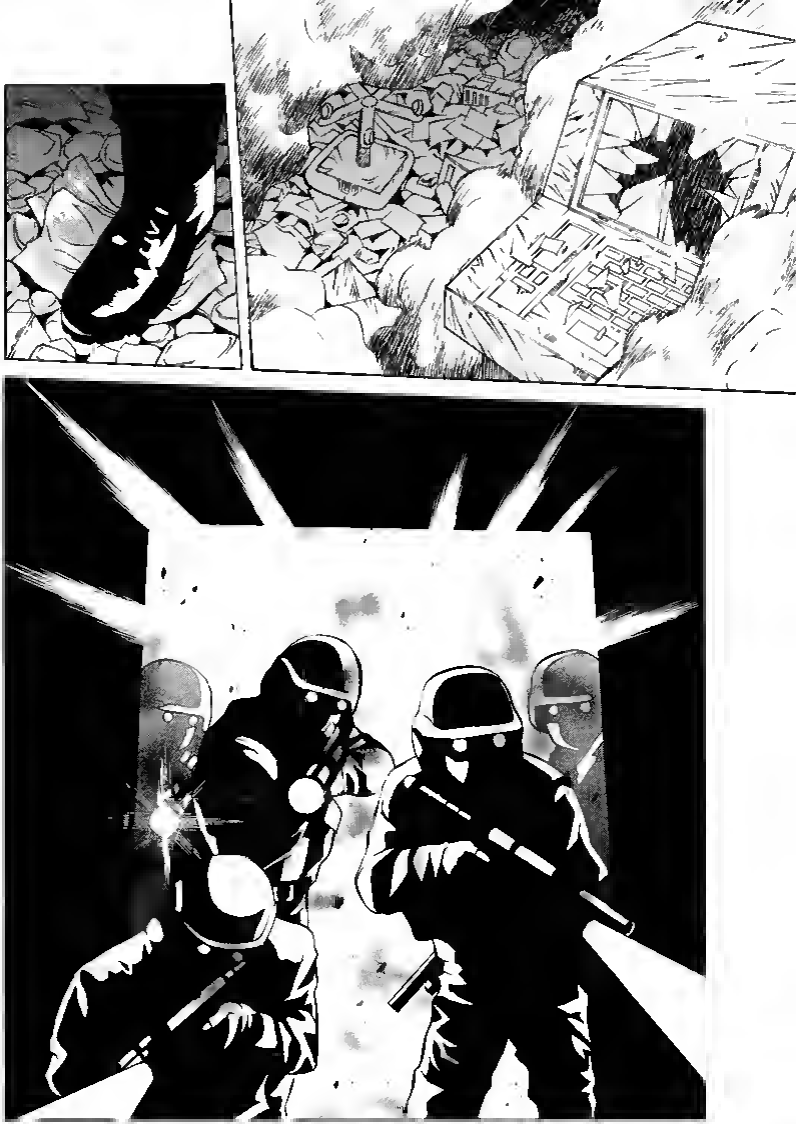

But... my instinct is telling me that Ken is missing something
There's no need for me to think about his theme.


What is it.....?

An intruder?
THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS, QUICKLY!
IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOO LATE...
The opponent seems to be a large-scale organization.
Even security was blocked off.
It's likely they're already ...
...Well, this giant Megalith corporation does have a lot of enemies.

You know you're the one with a lot of enemies right now...
...My lab...
ボゴゴゴゴゴ
……
But I try not to be a bad guy normally ...

IT'S THE RE-SEARCH BUILD-ING!
AN ACCI-DENT?!
HURRY, PUT IT OUT!
thwip
RESCUE THE INJU...
thwip
thwip
thwip



……
KEN IS?!
CURRENTLY, A MERCENARY GROUP WITH UNKNOWN AFFILIATION IS IN BATTLE WITH MEGALITH'S SECURITY!!

EVEN THE AMERICAN ARMY RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR AID!!
HE'S CURRENTLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN AMERICA!!
WE SHOULD ALSO HURRY AND...
HEY!

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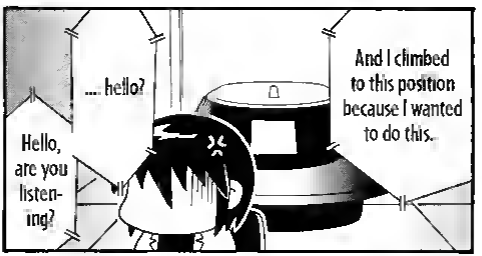
Every single one of our nuclear weapons, have been rendered ineffective!!

It's fine because it's not just America.
The current American is as good as unarmed...!

Nu-clear strike, go-
Push


.... hello?
Hello, are you listen-ing?
And I climbed to this position because I wanted to do this.

What do you think, Gates?
What if a wormhole naturally occurred...?
It's not some savings box...
Will money come outta that wormhole?
They exchange information with plants from the parallel world, and...
Utilizing the wormhole, the plants,
Here are some coffee beans as a souvenir.
..You can head back now, Gates...
Can we bring money from that parallel world?

IT'S DANGEROUS HERE, QUICKLY!!
IT MAY BE TOO LATE ALREADY ...
WH...WHO IS...?
UWAH, HE'S HERE
I FOUND YOU, DAMN IT-!
YOU'RE STILL PULLING HIM IN.
IT'S OLD MAN THUNDER FROM NEXT DOOR.
PAY ME FOR THE WINDOW GLASS-

CHAR-ACTER MODEL SHEET

FUKUCHI HITOSHI
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Mecha Designer.

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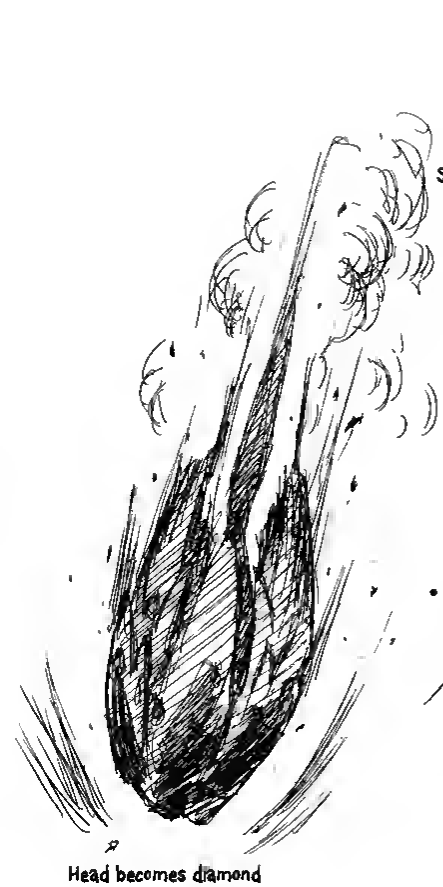
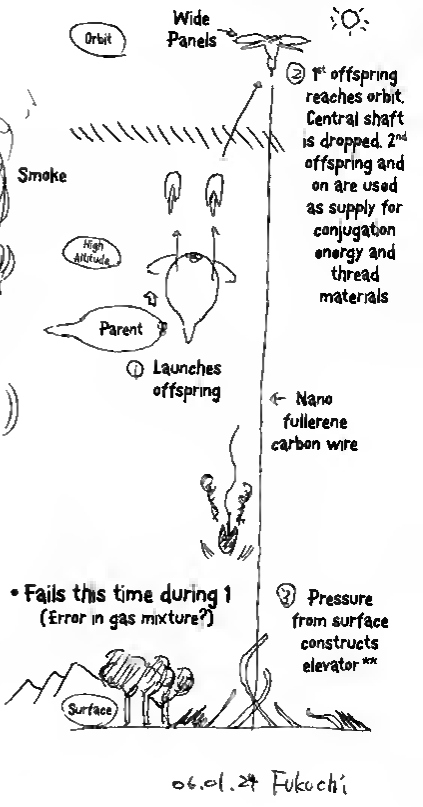
SPACE-TYPE ARETHUSA
(ORBITAL LAUNCH-USE, 1ST GENERATION)




Orbit
Wide Panels
② 1st offspring reaches orbit. Central shaft is dropped. 2nd offspring and on are used as supply for conjugation energy and thread materials
Smoke
High Altitude
Parent
① Launches offspring
← Nano fullerene carbon wire
• Fails this time during 1 (Error in gas mixture?)
③ Pressure from surface constructs elevator **
Surface

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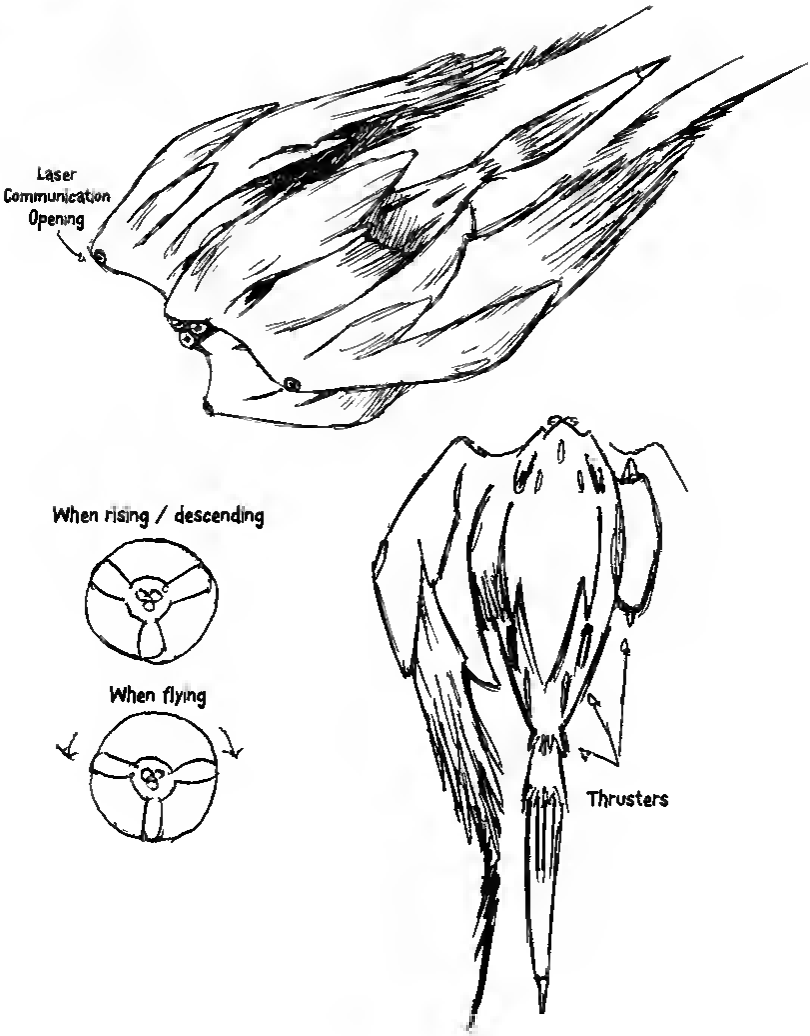
Laser
Communication
Opening
When rising / descending
When flying
Thrusters

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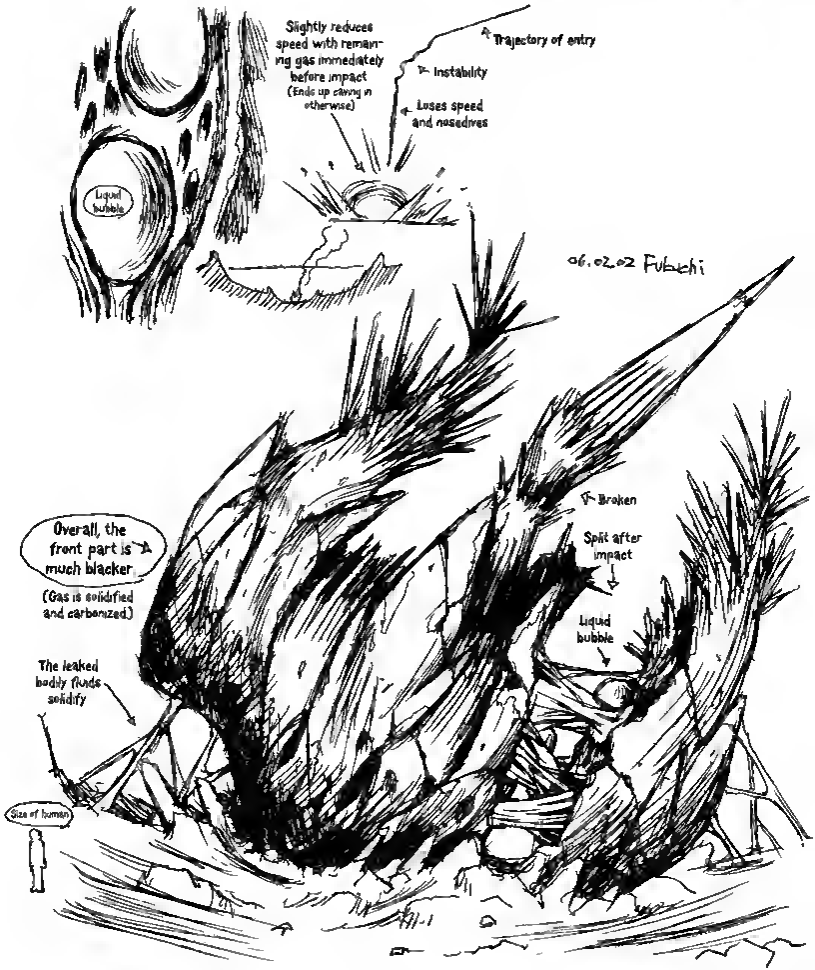
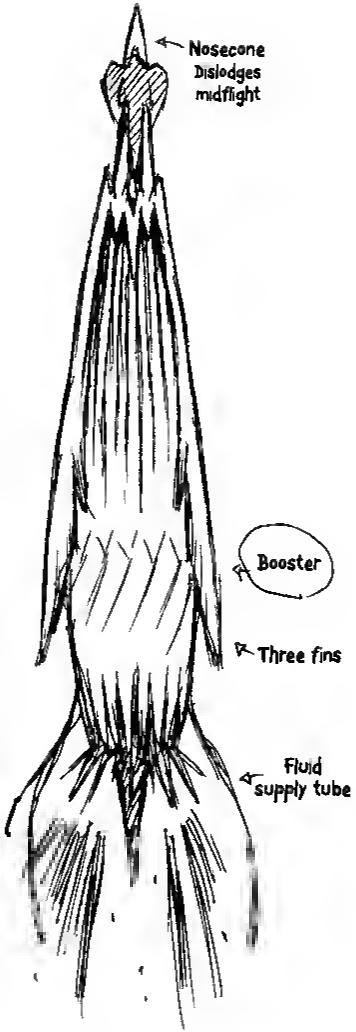
SPACE-TYPE ARETHUSA
(SURFACE REENTRY REFERENCE AND BOOSTER)


Slightly reduces speed with remaining gas immediately before impact (Ends up caving in otherwise)
Trajectory of entry
Instability
Loses speed and nosedives
Liquid bubble
06.02.02 Fukuchi
Broken
Split after impact
Liquid bubble
Overall, the front part is much blacker
(Gas is solidified and carbonized)
The leaked bodily fluids solidify
Size of human

Arethusa Type Differences



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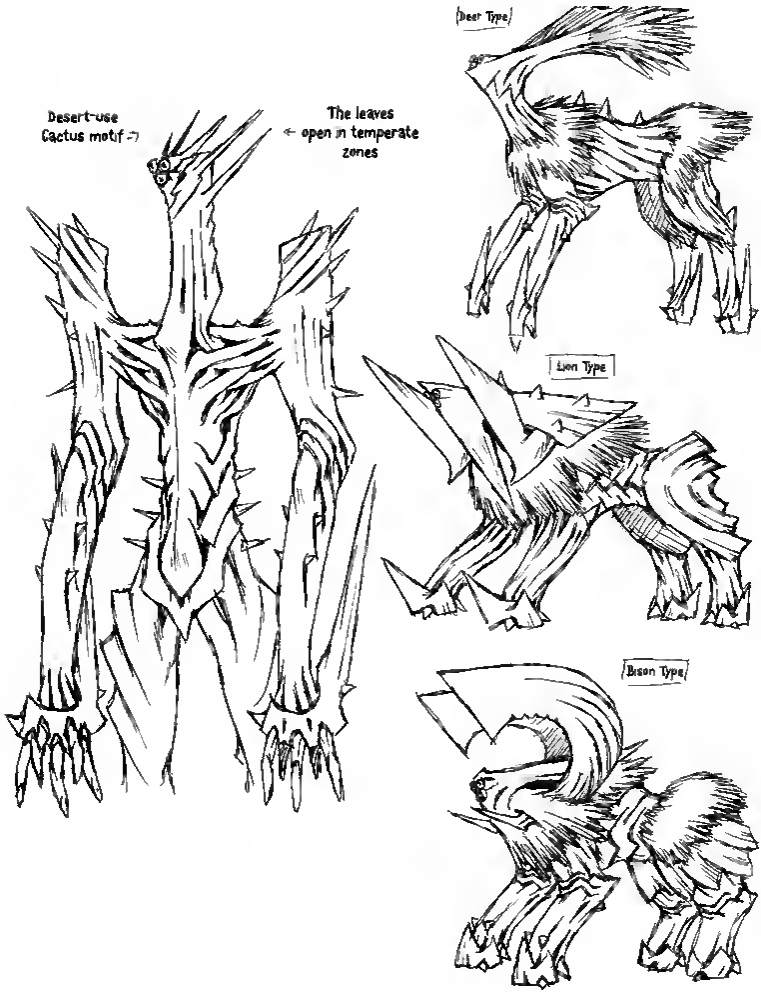

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